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## UKRAINE UNREST

# Calling for help

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**A pro-Russian separatist storms a police station in Horlivka, eastern Ukraine, on Monday.**

EEREM LUKATSKY/AP

# Soldiers stuck in limbo of disability backlog

BY ADAM ASHTON  
*The (Tacoma, Wash.) News Tribune*

**S**gt. Chris Peden is stuck. The Joint Base Lewis-McChord soldier is spending his last months in the Army too damaged to be the gung-ho paratrooper of his first Iraq deployment but not ill enough to be cut loose from his enlistment with his Strvker brigade.

He's in the limbo of a disability system the Defense Department created seven

295

Number of days it is supposed to take from the time the Army begins considering a soldier for an early medical retirement to the day that soldier starts receiving VA benefits.

397

Average number of days for a soldier to receive benefits through the joint DOD-VA program known as the Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

years ago with good intentions. It was designed to make sure wounded servicemembers smoothly enroll for veterans benefits and start receiving checks within a month of leaving uniform.

For Peden, the downside comes in the hundreds of days he's had to continue showing up at battalion headquarters even though he can't concentrate, struggles with mood swings and has physical injuries that slow him. With little to do because he can't handle much responsibility he some-

times passes the time playing games on his cellphone.

"I can't do what I used to do. I'm not capable," said Peden, 32, a Tacoma resident diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and who endured several head injuries early in his military service.

A year and a half ago, he was sent home early from a Stryker tour in Afghanistan. "My brain literally just doesn't work the way it used to," he said.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I wish that it didn't take medical marijuana on the ballot to motivate our young voters to go and vote because there's far too much at stake for them and their children."

— Ana Cruz, former executive director of the Florida Democratic party, on a measure widely supported by young voters to legalize marijuana in Florida

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## MILITARY

# Top Marine NCO defends pay remark

Stars and Stripes

What started as a hard-charging Marine comment to Congress has turned into a public relations emergency for Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Michael Barrett.

Speaking to the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel on Wednesday, Barrett was making the case that personnel costs needed to be reined in to maintain readiness — as all the services have in recent testimony — but went a step further by saying that lower pay would actually improve discipline within the Corps.

"I truly believe it will raise discipline," Barrett said. "You'll have better spending habits. You won't be so wasteful."

He told lawmakers that if the

service didn't check growth on personnel costs, "we will become an entitlement-based, a health care provider-based Corps, and not a warfighting organization."

His comments lit up Facebook and other social media sites. Marines and their supporters derided foreign aid, spoke of themselves or comrades getting state or federal financial aid — "read that as welfare" — and chided Marine Corps leadership as being out of touch.

"Says the SMMC who is knocking down \$8K+ a month, living in gov't quarters, etc. You have forgotten your roots and have no clue how some of your Marines are living," said one commenter on Facebook.

Barrett wrote in his open letter to Marines, posted on usmc.mil on Monday, that his comments were

misconstrued.

"Recent reporting of my testimony may have left you with a mistaken impression that I don't care about your quality of life and that I support lower pay for servicemembers. This is not true," he wrote.

"Nobody wants less," Barrett continued. "But if we don't slow the growth of our hard-earned generous compensation/benefit entitlements that we have enjoyed over the past decade, we don't have sufficient dollars for what we need — investment in our warfighting capabilities and our wonderful Marine and family care programs."

Barrett's testimony, in support of DOD's fiscal 2015 budget, comes at a time of increased pressure on the services to make cuts

as the war in Afghanistan is ending, and while Congress-mandated "sequester" budgets poke holes in the balance sheets.

Barrett relayed to lawmakers the sense that he got from talking to his Marines.

"Marines don't run around [asking] about compensation, benefits, retirement modernization. That's not on their minds," Barrett told lawmakers. "As I walk around to talk to the thousands [in] audiences, they want to know into whose neck do we put a boot next. They want to know about what new equipment are we getting."

"In my 33 years I have never seen this level of quality of life, ever! We have never had it so good."

## Official: Ambush kills anti-Taliban militiamen

KABUL — An Afghan official says a Taliban ambush has killed three members of a local militia that rose up against insurgent control of the area.

The local chief of police, Lutfullah, said Monday that the militiamen were patrolling in Andar district in the eastern province of Ghazni when they were attacked Sunday night. He said three of the armed village men were killed and three others were wounded.

Lutfullah, who uses just one name, said those killed were members of an "uprising unit" that two years ago took up arms against Taliban dominance of the area.

Taliban militants launch nearly daily attacks across Afghanistan, though the territory they control has been reduced in recent years.

The Associated Press

## Correction

An April 9 story about the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas, incorrectly stated that Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist and Islamic extremist, killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 others at Fort Hood in 2011. The shooting occurred in 2009.



VADIM GHIRDA/AP

## A joint effort

Members of the U.S. Air Force prepare for a flag-raising ceremony at Romania's Campia Tarzii military base, on Thursday. Some 450 U.S. and Romanian troops and technical staff kicked off joint military exercises in northwestern Romania last week, flying U.S. F-16 fighter jets alongside Romanian ones. The weeklong exercise at the base 190 miles northwest of Bucharest — the fourth of its kind between the two nations — was planned before Russia's annexation of Crimea last month.



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## MILITARY

## New Navy hospital opening on Guam

The medical staff on Guam is moving into a new 48-bed, \$158 million Navy hospital.

The project, built on land next to the older facility that it will replace, is nearly complete. U.S. Naval Hospital Guam staff members are due to move in by April 20, according to a Navy statement.

"Transition activities and training for our staff is well underway as we prepare for the new hospital," the hospital's commander, Capt. Jeff Plummer, said in the statement.

The Navy started talking about the project 16 years ago, but ground wasn't broken until January 2011, the statement said.

Naval Facilities Marianas commander Capt. Glenn Shephard said the 281,000-square-foot facility will increase efficiency and deliver advances in health care.

It includes four operating rooms, two cesarean-section rooms and improved diagnostic and ancillary capabilities such as MRI and CT scanning suites, officials said.

## Schumer wants parade for returning troops

NEW YORK — Sen. Charles Schumer is proposing a New York City homecoming parade for troops returned from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

Along with veterans' groups, Schumer says it's time to honor "America's post 9/11 troops," continuing the modern tradition of welcome-home parades down Broadway in lower Manhattan's "Canyon of Heroes."

The U.S. combat mission in Afghanistan is expected to end this year. The Iraq War officially ended in 2011.

They followed the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The New York Democrat has asked the Defense Department to work with city officials to start planning. In 2012, the Pentagon said it was still too early.

Schumer and veterans from the United War Veterans Council of New York and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America plan to detail the proposal Sunday.

## West Point wins cyber exercise among schools

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The U.S. Military Academy has won a cyberwarfare competition among the service academies.

The annual Cyber Defense Exercise tested which of the five academies could create a computer network that would best withstand a four-day barrage from experts at the National Security Agency.

West Point said Friday that its team of 30 cadets finished with more points than the Air Force, which won the exercise last year. The Coast Guard came in third, followed by the Navy.

The Merchant Marines participated, but not for points.

The 14-year-old exercise fits into the military's broader strategy of staying ahead of the curve in cyberoperations.

From staff and wire reports

## Dog that saved patrol retires with honors

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Staff Sgt. Shannon Hutto thought his bomb-sniffing dog, Eddie, was just being lazy when he wouldn't move from a certain spot one hot day in Afghanistan in 2012.

Hutto then saw what Eddie smelled: a homemade bomb, partially buried in the dirt. It was six

inches from Hutto's foot.

A short time later, Eddie sniffed out another improvised explosive placed on a bridge the patrol unit was about to cross.

Eddie saved Hutto's life, the lives of a dozen patrol members and countless people in the village.

For his service, Eddie retired

Friday with full military honors.

The ceremony was held at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, and a few dozen soldiers turned out to cheer Eddie on.

The Belgian Malinois dog was assigned to MacDill's 6th Security Forces Squadron and has served for about five years.

Eddie wasn't quite sure what to

make of all the people clapping, talking and saluting. But when Carol White, an Air Force contractor, gave him a special cake made out of peanut butter and bananas, he dove right in.

As a working dog, Eddie wasn't allowed such luxuries. Now he's free to enjoy the pleasures of retirement.

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## MILITARY

# Backlog: Army, VA say they're swiftly making up ground on disability cases

## FROM FRONT PAGE

He is among about 700 soldiers in Lewis-McChord's 7th Infantry Division who are leaving the Army for medical reasons through a joint Defense Department and Veterans Affairs program known as the Integrated Disability Evaluation System.

The IDES process is supposed to take 295 days from the time the Army begins considering a soldier for an early medical retirement to the day that soldier starts receiving VA benefits.

The military and the VA have yet to hit the deadlines they set in 2007 when they laid the groundwork for the program. The average time soldiers spend in the system sits just shy of 400 days — about 3½ months longer than the target.

Altogether, that makes more than a year of waiting in uniform for soldiers who know they can't continue their military careers.

"Why would you force a soldier to be in a unit when there's not a job for him and you've already determined he can't do the job?" Peden said.

The IDES system is used by all of the Armed Forces, but the Army is its biggest component because of the heavy toll the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan took on the nation's ground forces.

The Army and the VA say they're now swiftly making up ground on a backlog of IDES cases that accumulated in years when the system enrolled thousands more cases than it completed.

In 2011, for instance, the system enrolled 18,651 new members but finished just 7,106 cases, according to a 2012 Government Accountability Office report.

Now, the Army and the VA are starting to finish more cases than they start each month, said Col. Carl Johnson, chief of the Army's Physical Disability Agency.

Lewis-McChord's unit is counted for 22,037 new cases. The service completed 23,432 cases.

Johnson considers the trend a good sign for the program.

"We're on track to break the back of this backlog," he said.

## A long process

The military and the VA have a shared responsibility in getting soldiers out of uniform and into the benefits they've earned.

First, the military considers whether a servicemember is well enough to continue on or her career. That's called a medical evaluation board.

If the individual is deemed no longer fit for duty, the process moves into another phase in which the Defense Department and the VA set the person's disability ratings. This is called a physical evaluation board, and it determines what kind of compensation veterans will receive for their service-connected injuries.

In the third phase, known as the transition, troops receiving medical retirements can begin to take leave from their units and focus on joining out their VA benefits.

In the last phase, called reintegration, medically retired troops



PAUL SALE/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Soldiers from 3rd Stryker Cavalry Regiment relax before taking up defensive positions during training at the National Training Center Fort Irwin, Calif., on March 15. The military's Integrated Disability Evaluation System was designed to help troops with injuries transition to civilian life more efficiently, but has been plagued by backlogs.**

begin receiving their VA disability checks. They're supposed to receive those checks within 30 days of their last day in uniform. So far, the average wait is 57 days, a VA official said.

A slow disability process not only frustrates soldiers in the system, but also ground-level commanders. They want wounded or injured troops to separate from the military with their benefits, both for the sake of the veteran and for the wellbeing of the unit so that healthy, deployable soldiers can fill open positions.

"We are working very hard on making sure that we are doing everything on our side ... to help soldiers get through the system, get through the process and make sure those who are transitioning do so with dignity and respect," 7th Infantry Division surgeon Col. Mike Oshiki said.

## Leadership

Lewis-McChord's six main combat brigades got serious about speeding their role in the disability process a year and a half ago when the Army launched the 7th Infantry Division headquarters at the base. That office came with oversight from then-Maj. Gen. Stephen Lanza, who has since been promoted at Lewis-McChord.

With a two-star general pushing for changes, the division handed down new guidance to officers and noncommissioned leaders.

Captains and first sergeants now attend courses on managing IDES cases. Patients receive guidebooks and early preparation for their transition to civilian life.

Commanders are responsible for writing statements that weigh in on disability decisions. They also

help ensure that soldiers in line for medical retirements make their appointments.

Recently, the Army added a couple extra features to the system so cases move faster and soldiers have a better sense of when they'll leave the military.

One allows brigade and division commanders to contact the Army's Physical Disability Agency to check on specific cases. Those officers are colonels or generals with enough rank to set priorities.

Another lets soldiers in the system check their own status and gives them an estimate of when their cases will be complete.

## Technology

Also, as of last year, the Army and the VA are using electronic records and electronic transmission, instead of paper and the Postal Service, when they exchange documents to move a case forward.

Now, only 1 percent of IDES cases in the 7th Infantry Division are considered late. The Army as a whole is meeting its deadlines, Johnson said.

But the backlog persists. In 2011, when the Defense Department initiated 11,000 more IDES cases than it completed, soldiers were in the process for 395 days. Today they're usually in it for 397.

"We got rid of our backlog, but when you do that — this is a linear process — and our backlog has moved on to the VA," Johnson said.

All IDES claims are processed at a VA office in Seattle, which recently added 36 employees. It has 165 people working exclusively on these cases, said Mike McNeal,

director of the Veterans Benefits Administration/Department of Defense program office.

He and Johnson believe the additional staff and heightened Army focus will lead to the system working as intended by later this year.

Skeptics who have watched the claims backlog grow year after year say the VA should be moving faster by now. They say the long wait and uncertain outcomes put stress on vulnerable military families.

"Being left in limbo in that system can be really challenging," said Jackie Maffucci, a research director for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

## Two years

Peden is nearing the end of his disability process. This month, he received his final ratings from the VA and the Army.

He expects to be able to start taking leave from his unit for good by about June, and he should finish the entire process by November at the latest.

His long road to leaving the Army began in October 2012 when his Stryker company sent him home early from Afghanistan because soldiers around him noticed he was moody and having trouble focusing. It was his third combat deployment since he enlisted in 2006.

"I was losing my mind. Somebody probably was going to get hurt," he said.

Peden returned to Lewis-McChord for a temporary posting to the base's Warrior Transition Battalion, a medical unit that focuses on soldiers with long-term care needs for physical injuries or behavioral health diagnoses.

He did not get to stay in the battalion. He returned to his unit, where he held some responsibilities keeping an eye on soldiers assigned to its rear detachment.

In February 2013, when the rest of his Stryker teammates were coming home from the war, the Army sent Peden to an inpatient facility in Portland where veterans can work on post-traumatic stress or addictions.

He spent a month there and felt he improved because of the opportunity he got to focus on his health.

After the therapy, the Army sent Peden back to his Stryker unit, a Company of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment.

He believes the move unraveled the gains he'd made in Portland. The same anger and attention issues that troubled him in Afghanistan started upsetting him again. He'd feel rage and remove himself from the building to sit in his car until it passed.

He kept reliving traumatic events from his 2007 deployment in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was close to several explosions on that tour, including a mortar blast that punctured his chest with shrapnel.

Years later, he'd think about soldiers he knew who died in combat or committed suicide after they came home.

"It's like a ferris wheel. Every year on the ferris wheel is a bad memory," he said.

## Seeking help

Peden's condition deteriorated last spring and summer, climaxing with a suicide attempt in August. His wife, Karen, talked him out of it.

In late 2013, Peden's unit tried to get him reassigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion. The soldiers around him thought he'd get better care if he was in that unit again.

"Sgt. Peden suffers from insomnia, irritability, memory loss and bad anxiety from multiple direct explosions from his first deployment. These symptoms have impacted his ability to make decisions," wrote his company commander, Capt. Jarrod Harris, in the Warrior Transition Battalion application.

A committee of commanders and Army doctors considers applications to the warrior unit in weekly meetings. It chose not to admit Peden.

Karen Peden called The News Tribune after her husband's rejection from that reassignment. The denial conveyed to them that they'd have to face the soldier's turmoil on their own.

Today, the couple is looking forward to moving on once his IDES application is complete.

One day, Peden would like to go into business for himself. First, he hopes to spend about a year after leaving the military learning to live with his PTSD and head injuries.

"I wish I could take a vacation from myself," he said. "You live with it every day. Every minute of the day. It doesn't stop."



## NATION

# Medical pot measure could boost Fla. Dems

By MICHAEL J. MISHAK  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Democrats in the nation's latest swing state see the question of whether to legalize medical marijuana as a rare source of hope and high voter turnout in this year's midterm elections.

Party operatives are pushing a constitutional amendment that would make Florida the first state in the South to legalize some pot use. Polls show the measure has widespread public support, and it's particularly popular among young voters — a critical part of the Democratic coalition with historically weak turnout in nonpresidential election years.

"I wish that it didn't take medical marijuana on the ballot to motivate our young voters to go and vote because there's far too much at stake for them and their children," said Ana Cruz, former executive director of the Florida Democratic Party. "But listen, we'll take it any way we can get it."

At stake is the Florida governor's office, as well as a handful of competitive House seats. But the nation's political world will be watching Florida's turnout in November for clues to whether pot on the ballot could

draw young people to the polls.

In 2012, both Washington and Colorado saw spikes in youth turnout when marijuana initiatives were on the ballot. This year, Florida could be a critical test case for whether those increases were an anomaly or the start of a trend in advance of the presidential election in 2016, when activists plan to launch legalization campaigns in at least six states, including battleground Nevada.

"It's a smart move on the Democrats' part," said David Flaherty, a Colorado-based GOP pollster. "It's going to help them, no doubt about it."

The marijuana initiative may be one bright spot for Democrats in an election year that could be grim for the party. President Barack Obama remains unpopular, and Republicans are trying to make the elections a referendum on his health care law. Gov. Rick Scott is making the health care overhaul a central issue in the governor's race and outside conservative groups, such as Americans for Prosperity, are funding a barrage of negative ads against Democrats in a handful of swing-voting House districts.

"I would rather have it on the ballot than not," said Steve Schale, a Democratic con-



Florida Democrats see the prospect of legal medical marijuana as a source of hope and high voter turnout in this year's midterm elections.

sultant who managed Obama's Florida campaign in 2008. "It could have a marginal impact, and a marginal impact in Florida could be the difference between winning and losing."

A Republican victory in a special House election last month in Florida underscored the Democrats' turnout problem. The St. Petersburg-area district has 2.4 percent more registered Republicans than Democrats, but GOP voters outnumbered Democrats by 8 percentage points among those

who cast ballots.

While it is far from a cure-all, Democrats say the medical pot measure could help counter Republican energy by motivating young and independent voters. According to a national survey sponsored by George Washington University last month, nearly 40 percent of likely voters said they would be "much more likely" to vote if a legalization measure was on the ballot, with another 30 percent saying they would be "somewhat" more likely to vote.

## Sebelius: I was not pressured to resign

By SEAN SULLIVAN  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius insisted in a television interview broadcast Sunday that she was not pushed out of her job, and she reflected on the troubled launch of the health care website, which she characterized as "terribly flawed and terribly difficult."

In an interview with NBC News that aired during "Meet the Press," Sebelius said she was not pressured to resign; rather, she established her own timeline for departing the job she has held for about five years. She also acknowledged the problems with the health care law's implementation, which she said were the most trying of her tenure.

"Well, I would say that the eight weeks where the site was not functioning well for the vast majority of people was a pretty dismal time," Sebelius said. "And I was, frankly, hoping and watching and measuring the benchmarks. But, having failed once at the front of October, the first of December became a critical juncture."

The Obama administration's belief that the website where Americans could sign up for health coverage would be ready



SUSAN WALSH/AP

**Outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius will be replaced by Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell.**

by Oct. 1 "was just flat-out wrong," Sebelius said.

Sebelius announced her resignation last week. President Barack Obama nominated Office of Management and Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell to replace her. The former Kansas Governor said she saw the end of the health care open enrollment period as a prudent time to exit.

"There is never a good time," Sebelius said. "There's going to be another open enrollment. There are changes down the road. But the president and I began to talk, you know, after the first of the year. And I went back to him in early March and said, 'You know, I'm really optimistic we're going to meet the targets. The enrollment is going well. The site is working well.'"

Overall, Sebelius contended, the law has been a success. "There are a lot of underlying pieces which really, to me, are very exciting, which go to beginning to fix the underlying health system that affects us all," she said.

Democrats appearing on the Sunday news shows praised Sebelius. In the face of "opposition from the Republicans, she was still able to achieve the 7.5 million goal," Rep. Elijah Cummings, Md., said on CBS's "Face the Nation," in reference to the Obama administration's goal for enrollment by the end of March.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., said on "Fox News Sunday" that Sebelius gave "a lot of good service to the president and the country. She was there nearly six years and in an extremely tough job at a very consequential time, through the whole health care bill and through the rollout with all these malfunctions. I think it probably is a good thing to have a new face going forward."

Republicans said that Sebelius' departure won't put their concerns about the health care law to rest. "It's not going to quiet the controversy," Rep. Marsha Blackburn, Tenn., said on "Face the Nation." "I think it's quite the opposite. What it has done is to elevate some of the concerns."

## Disappointment, forgiveness mix in La. kissing scandal

By BILL BARROW  
The Associated Press

MONROE, La. — To Louisiana voters accustomed to twistory scandals involving elected officials, disappointment with an eye toward forgiveness is the prevailing sentiment about their new congressman, caught on video kissing an aide married to one of his friends.

Republican Vance McAllister was a wealthy businessman without prior political experience when he won a special election last fall, trouncing his party's establishment candidate in a conservative district that comprises northeast Louisiana.

While some Republicans have urged the faith-and-family politician to resign, McAllister has said he will respect the verdict of his constituents this fall, when he seeks a full two-year term.

McAllister's "main thing now is to get straight with his family," said Jackie Coleman, a retired law enforcement officer from Olla, south of Monroe.

Many are as eager to speculate how a local newspaper got video of McAllister kissing Melissa Peacock as they are to offer an opinion about what it shows.

And they're sure there's more than enough hypocrisy and political intrigue to go around. For example, they note the histories of former President Bill Clinton, former Louisiana governor and current congressional candidate Edwin Edwards (who served eight years in prison for a felony conviction arising from the licensing of riverboat casinos in his fourth term), U.S. Sen. David Vitter (who

survived a prostitution scandal a few years ago). There's been little subtlety in the response from Republican powers.

Gov. Bobby Jindal said he should quit. So did the state Republican chairman, who said McAllister had become an "embarrassment."

The closest thing to support McAllister has found among his colleagues are statements of concern for his family.

McAllister hasn't appeared publicly since the weekly Ouachita Citizen posted online a grainy security tape showing McAllister and Peacock kissing in the congressman's district headquarters.

McAllister's Washington-based spokesman said that Peacock has since resigned voluntarily, but that the lawmaker had no plans to step down.



McAllister

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## NATION



MARK JOHNSTON, (PROVO, UTAH) DAILY HERALD/AP

Authorities investigate the crime scene at a house in Pleasant Grove Utah, on Sunday.

## Mother suspected in deaths of 7 infants

BY BRADY MCCOMBS  
The Associated Press

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah — The discovery of seven dead babies in cardboard boxes in a Utah garage has police desperately seeking answers from the mother and other family members about how such a tragedy unfolded over a decade with no one noticing.

Megan Huntsman, 39, is accused of killing her babies after giving birth to the children between 1996 and 2006, investigators said. She was booked Sunday into the Utah County Jail on six counts of murder.



Huntsman

It wasn't immediately clear if Huntsman has an attorney or why there were six counts and not seven. The gruesome case has raised a series of questions about how the killings occurred despite Huntsman carrying out what neighbors seemed like a normal existence. Police declined to comment on a motive and what Huntsman said during an interview with investigators.

Her estranged husband made the discovery while cleaning out the garage after recently getting out of prison, and authorities do not believe he was aware of the killings and he isn't a person of interest at this time.

Police Capt. Michael Roberts said officers responded to a call from him Saturday about a dead infant, and then they found the six other bodies.

Family and neighbors identified the estranged husband as Darren West, who has been in prison on drug-related charges.

Roberts said police believe West and Huntsman were together when the babies were born.

"We don't believe he had any knowledge of the situation," Roberts told The Associated Press.

Asked how the mother could not have known about the situation, Roberts replied, "That's the mil-

lion-dollar question. Amazing."

The babies' bodies were sent to the Utah medical examiner's office for tests, including one to determine the cause of death. DNA samples taken from the suspect and her husband will determine definitively whether the two are the parents, as investigators believe.

Huntsman also has three daughters — one teenager and two young adults — who lived at the house.

Neighbors in the middle-class neighborhood of mostly older homes 35 miles south of Salt Lake City say they were shocked by the accusations and perplexed that the woman's older children still living in the home didn't know their mother was pregnant or notice anything suspicious.

Police said West made the grisly discovery at the house owned by his parents in a city of about 35,000 people at the foot of snow-capped mountains. It's a nondescript, never home with a brick facade and a star ornament hanging by the door.

Several police cars blocked the entrance to the house Sunday evening as officers milled about with the belongings from the garage strewn across the front lawn.

Late Sunday, West's family issued a statement saying they were in a "state of shock and confusion."

"We are mourning this tragic loss of life and we are trying to stay strong and help each other through this awful event," the statement said before asking for privacy.

Neighbors told the AP they were shocked and horrified by the accusations of what went on inside the home. None of them even knew Huntsman was pregnant in recent years.

The family members seemed like nice people and good neighbors, said Aaron and Kathie Hawker, who live next door.

Huntsman moved out several years ago, leaving her three daughters — one teenager and two young adults — to live alone, the Hawkers said. They weren't sure where Huntsman has since been living.

# Supremacist identified as suspect in Kansas attacks

BY MARIA SUDEKUM  
The Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — The man accused of killing three people in attacks at a Jewish community center and Jewish retirement complex near Kansas City is a known white supremacist and former Ku Klux Klan leader who was once the subject of a nationwide manhunt.

Frazier Glenn Cross, 73, of Aurora, Mo., was booked into Johnson County jail on a preliminary charge of first-degree murder after the attacks in Overland Park on Sunday.

Police have not publicly identified the suspect. A county jail official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the case, identified the suspect as Cross.

SITE, a U.S.-based terror monitoring group, described the suspect as a known and vocal anti-Semite who frequently calls for genocide against Jews.

Police said the attacks hap-

pened within minutes of one another. At around 1 p.m. a gunman shot two people in the parking lot behind the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City. He then drove a few blocks to a retirement community, Village Shalom, and gunned down a woman or girl there, Douglass said. Officers arrested him in an elementary school parking lot soon after.

Douglass said the gunman shot at but missed two other people. Police said the gunman never entered any buildings.

Authorities declined to release the victims' names pending notification of their relatives. However, the family of the first two victims released a statement identifying them as Dr. William Lewis Corpron, who died at the scene, and his 14-year-old grandson, Reat Griffin Underwood, who died at Overland Park Regional Medical Center.

They were both Christian. The family thanked the church and others for their support.

"We take comfort knowing they are together in Heaven," the fam-

ily said, requesting privacy to mourn.

Rebecca Sturtevant, a hospital spokeswoman, said family members told her Corpron took his grandson to the community center to try out for a high school students' singing competition. Reat was a freshman at Blue Valley High School and an Eagle Scout.

Cross is also known as Frazier Glenn Miller. A public records search shows he has used both names, but he refers to himself on his website as Glenn Miller and went by the name Frazier Glenn Miller in 2006 and 2010 campaigns for public office.

Cross lives just outside the small southwest Missouri town of Aurora, some 180 miles south of Overland Park.

Neighbor Mitzi Owens, 45, said Cross always seems friendly but that locals are well aware of his racist leanings.

"It's crazy that someone can be so likable but be full of this kind of hate," she said.



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Frazier Glenn Cross is accused of killing three people outside of Jewish sites near Kansas City, Kan., on Sunday.

## Safety rules revisited after Calif. crash

BY FENIT NIRAPILL  
The Associated Press

RED BLUFF, Calif. — Federal transportation authorities are investigating ways to minimize death and injuries in bus crashes following the fiery wreck leaving 10 dead when a FedEx truck slammed into a bus carrying high school students in Northern California.

On Thursday, the truck driver veered across the Interstate 5 median, sideswiped a sedan and collided with the bus, leaving no time marks to suggest he had applied his brakes. Dozens of injured students escaped through windows before the vehicles exploded into towering flames and billowing smoke in Orland, Calif., 100 miles north of Sacramento. The sedan driver told investigators the truck was in flames before the crash, but the National Transportation

Safety Board investigators found no physical evidence of a preimpact fire or other witnesses to confirm that account.

The bus was carrying 44 students from Southern California for a free tour of Humboldt State University. Many were hoping to be the first in their families to attend college. Five students, the three adult chaperones and both drivers died.

"The worst thing for the NTSB is to show up, know that we've issued recommendations from a previous accident where lives have been lost and find out [that] if those recommendations had been closed and enacted, lives could have been saved," NTSB member Mark Rosekind said Friday.

His agency has long advocated for seat belts, emergency exits and fire-safety rules to protect bus passengers. But federal agen-

cies are often slow to heed the call. The California case can reinforce the need for regulations or expose the need for new rules, Rosekind said.

The investigation will also consider if bus manufacturers can learn lessons from voluntary measures taken by Silverado Stages, which has a strong safety record and owned the bus that was destroyed Thursday.

Under a rule sought for almost a half-century by investigators, all new motor coaches and other large buses must include three-point lap-shoulder belts beginning November 2016. Although Silverado Stages' bus, a brand-new 2014 model, had seat belts, passengers were found dead and thrown from the bus. Rosekind said it's difficult to issue guidelines to enforce seat belt use while they aren't mandated.

## NATION

## Judge sends bully a message

The Associated Press

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio — An Ohio man who spent hours on a street corner Sunday with a sign declaring he's a bully says that the punishment in a disorderly conduct case was unfair and that the judge who sentenced him has ruined his life.

Edmond Aviv, 62, mostly ignored honking horns and people who stopped by to talk with him in South Euclid, the Northeast Ohio Media Group reported.

"The judge destroyed me," Aviv said. "This isn't fair at all."

The sentence stemmed from a neighborhood dispute in which a woman said Aviv had bullied her and her disabled children for years. Aviv pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge, and Municipal Court Judge Gayle Williams-Byers ordered him to display the sign for five hours Sunday as part of his sentence.

The judge selected the wording for it: "I AM A BULLY! I pick on children that are disabled, and I am intolerant of those that are different from myself. My actions do not reflect an appreciation for the diverse South Euclid community that I live in."

Aviv arrived at the corner with the sign just before 9 a.m. Sunday. Within a couple of minutes, a passing motorist honked a car horn. Later in the morning, he was sitting in a chair holding



TONY DEJAK/AP

Edmond Aviv sits on a street corner holding a sign Sunday in South Euclid, Ohio, declaring he's a bully, a requirement of his sentence for harassing a neighbor and his disabled children.

the hand-lettered sign in front of him.

Dozens of drivers honked their horns and some passers-by yelled at him. Some pedestrians took pictures.

Aviv denied bullying his neighbors, but declined to answer other questions. A court probation officer monitored him, and Aviv's attorney stopped by to check on him. The lawyer didn't immediately return telephone calls to his office Sunday.

Aviv has feuded with his neighbor, Sandra Prugh, for the past 15 years, court records show. The most recent case stemmed from Aviv being annoyed at the smell

coming from Prugh's dryer vent when she did laundry, according to the records. In retaliation, Aviv hooked up kerosene to a fan, which blew the smell onto Prugh's property, the records said.

Prugh has two adult adopted children with developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy and epilepsy. Her husband has dementia, and her son is paralyzed.

Prugh said in a letter to the court that Aviv had called her an ethnic slur while she was holding her adopted black children, spit on her several times, regularly threw dog feces on her son's car windshield, and once smeared feces on a wheelchair ramp.

## Nations lag on pledge to limit global warming

The Washington Post

Facing a potential climate catastrophe, the world's governments agreed in 2009 to limit a global rise in mean temperature by the end of this century to avert the frightening effects of global warming. They face a huge task to meet that pledge, the world's top climate scientists said Sunday, with data showing that efforts have fallen well short.

Global greenhouse-gas emissions soared to "unprecedented levels" during the decade that ended in 2010, despite efforts to limit carbon from sources such as power plants and cement factories, as well as deforestation.

At a meeting in Berlin, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Sunday released a report that found that nations still have a chance to fulfill the goal but must aggressively turn away from relying largely on fossil fuels such as coal and replace them with cleaner energy sources such as solar and wind power.

To reach their target of 3.6 degrees over preindustrial levels, nations must work together to lower emissions "by 40 to 70 percent" of what they were in 2010, the report said. Without such action before mid-century, scientists said, nations will start to face the most debilitating effects of global

warming — rapidly melting arctic ice, significant sea-level rise, flooding and storms — by the end of the century.

"There is a clear message from science: To avoid dangerous interference with the climate system, we need to move away from business as usual," said Ottmar Edenhofer, of Germany, co-chairman of the group that produced the 2,000-page report.

In a weeklong meeting riven with disagreements between developing and industrialized nations, there was little confidence that the challenge can be met.

According to several news accounts from Berlin, battles erupted over how much blame should be shouldered by developing countries that have turned to coal and deforestation to power their growing economies, and by developed countries such as China and the United States, the world's biggest polluters.

As developing nations grew, greenhouse-gas emissions increased more between 2000 and 2010 than in each of the previous three decades, the report said. Nations such as India, Brazil and South Africa orchestrated what one climate scientist called "a renaissance of coal" as they joined the ranks of major emitters of carbon and other gases.

## 'Captain Underpants' tops new list of objectionable books

By HILLEL ITALIE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The humor of "Captain Underpants" children's books and the mature exploration of race and family violence by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison in "The Bluest Eye" would seem to have little in common.

But among some parents, educators and other members of the general public, who worry about what books are stocked at their local libraries, the works fall

into the same category — they're just too offensive and should be restricted or removed from the shelves.

The American Library Association published its annual "State of the Libraries" report Sunday, which included its list of works most frequently "challenged" last year at schools and libraries.

Dav Pilkey's best-selling picture book series topped the list, just as his "Captain Underpants" did in 2012. The reasons cited included "offensive language" and

material unsuited for its targeted age group.

"The Bluest Eye," Morrison's first novel, was runner-up, also criticized for language, along with violence and sexual content. Sherman Alexie's prize-winning "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," a perennial on the list, was No. 3, for reasons including drug references, sexual content and racism.

Pilkey said in a statement issued by his publisher, Scholastic Inc., that he found it surprising

"that a series with no sex, no nudity, no drugs, no profanity and no more violence than a Superman cartoon has caused such an uproar."

"Of course, only a tiny percentage of adults are complaining. Kids love the books and, fortunately, most parents and educators do, too," he said.

E.L. James' mega-selling, ultra-explicit "Fifty Shades of Grey" was No. 4, followed by the violent work of Suzanne Collins' blockbuster "The Hunger Games."

Others in the top 10 were Tanya Lee Stone's "A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl" (drugs, sex); John Green's "Looking for Alaska" (drugs, sex); Stephen Chbosky's "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" (drugs, homosexuality); Rudolfo Anaya's "Bless Me, Ultima" (Satanism, offensive language, sex); and Jeff Smith's "Bone" series (political viewpoint, racism, violence).

Exact numbers, including how many books were actually pulled, are hard to calculate.

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**Boston Marathon bombing survivor Roseann Sdoia works out on a rowing machine at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston on March 11. Sdoia aims to run again, a hobby she loved doing before her injury on April 15, 2013.**

## ‘Boston Strong’ a healing mantra

By DENISE LAVOIE  
AND PAIGE SUTHERLAND  
The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Every time Roseann Sdoia comes home, she must climb 18 steps — six stairs into the building, another 12 to her apartment. It is an old building in Boston's North End, with doors that are big and heavy, not an easy place for an amputee to live.

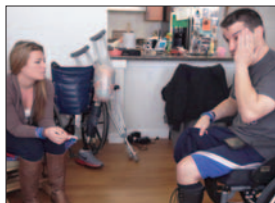
When she left the hospital, a month after the Boston marathon bombing, she had a choice: She could find another place to live, one more suitable for someone who wears a prosthesis that replaces most of her right leg. Or, she could stay.

“Early on when all this happened, so many people were telling me to move out of the city and move out of my apartment because of the stairs and I don’t have an elevator and parking is not very convenient,” she recalled. “But I have been able to get past all of that.”

In that, she mirrors Boston itself. “I have to tell you, honestly, Boston is a better city now than it was before,” said Thomas Menino, Boston’s former mayor. “People learned how to deal with each other; they had to deal with a tragedy.”

Not that it’s been easy. Three people were killed at last year’s Boston Marathon, and more than 260 were injured. The legacy of trauma and lost limbs remains — as does the shock of having endured a terrorist attack on Marathon Monday. Nor can Bostonians forget the fear that gripped a city locked down in the midst of a manhunt.

But Boston has been able to get past all of that. Copley Square is no longer littered with



STEVEN SENNE/AP

**Boston Marathon bombing survivor Marc Fucarle sits with his fiancée, Jen Regan, at their home in Reading, Mass., on March 25.**

impromptu tributes to the dead and injured; they’re now on display in an exhibit at the Boston Public Library, where Robert White of Lynn saw meaning in every teddy bear and pair of sneakers. “Every last one of the items says ‘Boston Strong’ or ‘I will return next year,’” White said.

Roseann Sdoia, 46, is a vice president of property management for a Boston development company. She is a cheerful woman; she smiled broadly when she arrives at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown for physical therapy.

“It’s just my nature,” she said. “I’m not a negative person. I’m not a Debbie Downer.” Still, she said, she cries every day. “What is sinking in is that life has changed,” she said,

her face awash with tears.

Sdoia is a runner, but she did not take part in the marathon. She was at the finish line on April 15, rooting for friends in the race, when the second bomb went off. Aside from her leg injury, she suffered hearing loss.

“Other than losing the bottom of my right leg, I’m still me,” she said. “I haven’t changed, I am still the same person I was before.”

And yet, so much has changed. She had to take more leave from the job she loved. She’s had to tackle daily tasks differently.

Marc Fucarle, 35, a roofer from Stoneham, also lost his right leg from above the knee; he has shrunk in his heart, and still could lose his left leg.

“Everything has changed,” he said. “How I use the bathroom, how I shower, how I brush my teeth, how I get in and out of bed.”

His son, Gavin, 6, does not always understand. “Gavin is like, ‘Hey, you want to go out and play?’ and I’m like, ‘There’s a foot of snow. I can’t do snow. We’re not going out and playing right now, sorry buddy.’ It breaks my heart.”

In the first three months after the explosions, the One Fund collected nearly \$61 million in donations. In the next five months, another \$12 million in contributions came in.

That big-heartedness was mirrored by a sort of proud defiance, exemplified by “Boston Strong.”

“In the immediate aftermath of the bombings, it became a peaceful mantra that people could repeat and believe in,” said Dan Soleau, a brand development manager for Marathon Sports. “And if they said it enough, tweeted it enough, hash-tagged it enough, it would actually be true.”

## Ex-Marine jailed in Iran could be freed

By DAVID GOODMAN  
The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — The family of a former U.S. Marine imprisoned in Iran since his 2011 arrest on spying charges is hopeful that he could be released soon because of recent developments in his case, including his conviction for a lesser offense, a family spokesman said Sunday.

Iran arrested Amir Hekmati, now 31, in August 2011 while he was on a trip to visit his grandmothers in Tehran. He was born in the U.S. and holds dual Iranian and U.S. citizenship.

Iran’s government labeled Hekmati a CIA spy, and a court sentenced him to death after finding him guilty of espionage. Iran’s Supreme Court overturned the sentence in 2012, but Hekmati has remained behind bars.

His family and the U.S. government have repeatedly said that Hekmati was not a spy and that his visit was for personal reasons, because of the illness of one grandmother.

Last week, the family learned that Hekmati had been tried secretly in a Revolutionary Court, convicted of the less serious offense of “cooperating with hostile governments” and sentenced to 10 years in prison, said family spokesman Chris Hayes.

Hekmati’s new defense lawyer, Mahmoud Alizadeh Tabatabaee, appears to be well connected with the Iranian government and optimistic that Hekmati could be released after completing one-third of his sentence, or about three years, family spokesman Chris Hayes said.

“It’s a good change,” Hayes told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “All of this, with the new lawyer, all good.”

Interviewed in Iran on Saturday, Tabatabaee told the AP that he was seeking Hekmati’s conditional release from Evvin prison, north of the capital, Tehran.

“According to law, if someone serves one-third of his conviction period and within that time, shows an acceptable behavior in jail, he can be entitled to conditional freedom,” Tabatabaee said. “One-third of his imprisonment will end around September and October.”

A conditional release could allow Hekmati to leave the country.



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## UKRAINE UNREST

# Ukraine asks for UN peacekeepers in east

By PETER LEONARD  
AND MARIA DANILOVA  
The Associated Press

**HORLIVKA, Ukraine** — Ukraine's acting president urged the United Nations on Monday to send peacekeeping troops to eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russian gunmen kept up their rampage of storming and occupying local government offices, police stations and a small airport.

The request came from a government that has proved powerless to rein in separatists in its eastern and southern regions, where insurgents have seized or barricaded government buildings in at least nine cities, demanding more autonomy from the new government in Kiev and closer ties with Russia.

The Kiev government and Western officials accuse Russia of instigating the unrest and of deploying armed Russian agents in civilian clothing to carry them out.

In a telephone call with Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, acting President Oleksandr Turchynov suggested that an "anti-terrorist operation" be conducted jointly by Ukrainian security forces and U.N. peacekeepers, according to the presidential website.

Peacekeepers, however, would have to be authorized by the U.N. Security Council, where Russia



EFREM LUKATSKY/AP

**Pro-Russian men storm a police station in the eastern Ukrainian town of Horlivka on Monday.**

holds a veto.

Turchynov's deadline for insurgents to give up their weapons and vacate their homemade barricades passed Monday without any visible action — instead, the violence continued.

A pro-Russian mob stormed a Ukrainian police station in Horlivka, another city near the Russian border. Later in the day, armed men in masks also seized control

of a small airport outside the city of Sloviansk, also in the Donetsk region bordering Russia.

"The Russian Federation is sending special units to the east of our country that seize administrative buildings with the use of weapons and are putting the lives of hundreds of thousands of our citizens in danger," Turchynov said, according to the presidential website.

The events echoed those in Crimea, which was annexed by Russia last month after key regional facilities were seized by Russian troops aided by local militiamen.

Dmitry Peskov, the spokesman for Russian President Vladimir Putin, was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying Monday that Putin has received "numerous appeals" from eastern Ukraine

"asking him to help and interfere in one way or another." Peskov added that Putin was "watching the developments in those regions with great concern" but wouldn't elaborate.

The developments came as the European Union's foreign ministers met in Luxembourg to consider further sanctions against Russia and three days ahead of a Geneva conference seeking ways to defuse tensions. Diplomats from the United States, Russia, the EU, Ukraine and Switzerland were expected at those one-day talks Thursday.

Russia has warned the Kiev government not to use force against the armed protesters in the east, saying it could thwart the Geneva conference.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov again denied Monday that Russian agents were operating in eastern Ukraine, saying it would contradict Moscow's interests. He challenged Ukraine "not to be shy" about backing its claims of capturing Russian security officers with facts.

After refusing demands for a referendum by separatists in the east, Turchynov indicated Monday that holding a nationwide referendum on Ukraine's status was a possibility. He said such a vote could be held May 25, along with the presidential election.

## DOD says Russian jet passed at close range over US warship in Black Sea

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

**WASHINGTON** — As tensions between the West and Russia simmer, a Russian attack plane engaged in "provocative" acts Saturday toward the destroyer USS Donald Cook in international waters, the Pentagon announced Monday.

Over the course of about 90 minutes, a Russian SU-24 fighter jet made 12 "close-range, low-altitude" passes near the Cook while the ship was in international waters in the western Black Sea near Romania, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters.

Warren did not say how close the Russian plane came to the Cook. But a U.S. Navy official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Stars and Stripes that at one point, the jet came within 1,000 yards of the vessel at an altitude of only 500 feet.

The jet did not overfly the ship,

according to Warren.

Warren said the aircraft did not respond to multiple queries and warnings from the Cook. No shots were fired and the plane appeared to be unarmed, based on visual observations made by those aboard the Cook, Warren said.

Another SU-24 was also flying in the area, but not as close to the Cook as the other one, according to Warren.

"The event ended without incident," Warren said.

Warren said the U.S. vessel was never in any serious danger, especially when faced with two seemingly unarmed aircraft.

"The Donald Cook is more than capable of defending herself against two SU-24s."

But the Pentagon is still disturbed by the encounter.

"This provocative and unprofessional Russian action is inconsistent with international protocols and previous agreements on the professional interaction between

our militaries," Warren said.

Warren said there have been no communications between the Pentagon and the Russian ministry of defense since the incident.

The Cook arrived in the Black Sea on Thursday as part of the U.S. military's effort to reassure allies in the region in the wake of Russia's annexation of Crimea last month and a large Russian military buildup on Ukraine's eastern border. The ship was conducting "routine patrolling" at the time of the incident and is now in port in Romania, according to Warren.

Warren was asked by a reporter if the Russian actions could have merely been the result of Russian pilots acting overly aggressive, of their own volition.

"I would have difficulty believing that two Russian pilots on their own would choose to take such an action," he said.

The Pentagon views this latest incident in the context of Russia's recent annexation of Ukraine's



VALDIN GHIRDA/AP

**A U.S. Navy sailor mans a gun on the deck of the USS Donald Cook in the Black Sea port of Constanta, Romania, on Monday.**

Crimea region and the buildup of tens of thousands of Russian troops on the country's eastern border.

"We've seen the Russians conduct themselves unprofessionally and in violation of international norms in Ukraine now for several months, and ... these continued acts of provocation and unprofessionalism do nothing to help de-escalate the situation in Ukraine, which is what we've called on the

Russians to do," Warren said.

Gen. Philip Breedlove, the commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Europe, is scheduled on Tuesday to provide NATO officials with options for enhancing the alliance's defense posture against Russia, including the possibility of deploying additional U.S. troops and conducting more military exercises in the region.

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# Blast in Nigerian capital kills at least 71

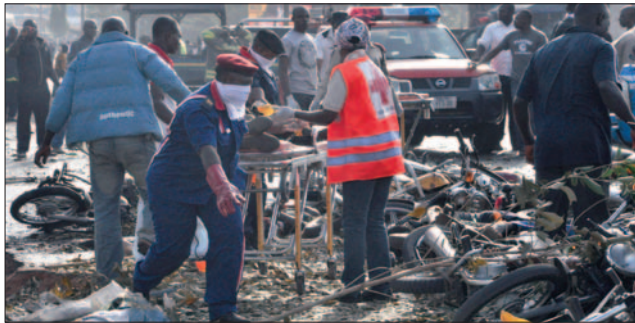
By BASHIR ADIGUN  
and MICHELLE FAUL  
The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — A massive explosion ripped through a bus station during the morning rush hour in Nigeria's capital, killing at least 71 people and wounding 124 in a bombing that marked the bloodiest terrorist attack ever in Abuja.

President Goodluck Jonathan visited the scene and blamed Boko Haram, an Islamic extremist group that operates in the northeast of Nigeria and has been threatening to attack Nigeria's capital. One official said he believed the bomb had been buried in the ground, while the emergency management agency said the explosives were apparently hidden in a vehicle.

The blast destroyed 16 luxury buses and 24 minibuses and cars, said police spokesman Frank Mba, who gave the death toll.

Survivors screamed in anguish, and the stench of burning fuel and flesh hung over the site where billows of black smoke rose as firefighters worked to put out the fires. Reporters saw rescue workers and police gathering body parts as ambulances rushed the wounded to the hospitals. State



GEEMIGA OLAMIKAN/AP

Rescue workers recover victims at the site of a blast on Monday at the Nyanya Motor Park, about 10 miles from the center of Nigeria's capital, Abuja.

television has broadcast calls for blood donations.

Security personnel battled to belatedly cordon off the area as a bomb detonation team was combing it for secondary explosives, a common occurrence here. Thousands of bystanders gathered, ignoring warnings to stay away.

While violence has torn the

northeast where Boko Haram has killed thousands, the capital in the middle of Africa's most populous country has been relatively peaceful.

Two notable exceptions occurred when Boko Haram members rammed two explosives-laden cars into the lobby of the United Nations office building

in 2011, killing at least 21 people and wounding 60, and when militants from the southern oil-producing Niger Delta in October 2010 exploded two car bombs at an Independence Day celebration, leaving at least 12 people dead and 17 injured.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, which

carried out that attack, has been largely dormant since then except for sabotaging oil pipelines.

There was no immediate claim for Monday's bombing, though bus stations are a favored Boko Haram target. In March 2013, the extremists drove a car bomb into the main bus station in Kano, Nigeria's second-biggest city, killing at least 25 people.

Boko Haram's campaign to make Nigeria an Islamic state with Sharia, or Islamic law, enforced throughout the country poses the greatest threat to its cohesion and security and threatens nearby countries.

Last May, Jonathan declared a state of emergency and deployed thousands of troops to curb the violence in northeast Nigeria after the extremists took control of entire towns and villages.

Security forces quickly forced the Islamic insurgents out of urban areas but have been battling to dislodge them from hideouts with near-daily air bombardments and ground assaults on forests and mountain caves along the border with Cameroon.

The military has claimed it has the upper hand in the war, but the extremists have fought back with more frequent and ever-deadlier attacks.

## Fate of Iran nuke plant in question

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's nuclear chief has raised concerns about the fate of the country's only running atomic power plant amid talks with the West about a final deal to curb Tehran's controversial nuclear program, a newspaper reported Monday.

The government-run daily Iran quoted Ali Akbar Salehi, the Iranian negotiator in talks with six world powers, as saying that Iran needs 30,000 more centrifuges to enrich uranium and produce enough nuclear fuel to run its Bushehr power plant for a year.

World powers negotiating a final nuclear deal with Iran want a reduction — not an increase — in the number of centrifuges Tehran is operating to remove concerns that the Islamic Republic may use its enrichment capabilities to build a nuclear weapon.

Centrifuges enrich uranium to produce nuclear fuel but can also be a pathway to atomic arms, depending on the level of enrichment. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

Salehi's remarks came as Tehran and the six world powers reached the halfway mark toward an informal July deadline for a final deal meant to crimp any potential Iranian attempt to build nuclear arms in exchange for an end to crippling economic sanctions.

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## WORLD



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**A forest fire rages toward urban areas in the city of Valparaíso, Chile, on Saturday. Firefighters continued to extinguish the blazes on Monday that have caused 12 deaths and hundreds of injuries and have forced 10,000 evacuations.**

## Chile fire toll: 12 dead; 2,000 homes destroyed

BY GRACIELA IBANEZ  
AND MARIANELA JARROUD  
*The Associated Press*

VALPARAISO, Chile — Firefighters struggled for a second night early Monday to contain blazes that have killed 12 people, injured 500, destroyed 2,000 homes and forced 10,000 people to flee the densely populated hills that gave this Chilean port city its unique beauty.

Fires they thought were contained 24 hours after they started Saturday kicked up again with Sunday afternoon's winds and raged out of control, threatening more neighborhoods.

With no municipal water or fire hydrants to use, routes to the blazes blocked by narrow streets jammed with abandoned vehicles and countless embers being stoked, fire crews could do little but watch some neighborhoods burn.

From the sky, 20 helicopters and planes were mobilized to drop water on hotspots, but Chile's national emergency office said the battle was far from won.

"This won't be extinguished, not today nor tomorrow," the office tweeted after issuing a new alert when fires kicked up again Sunday afternoon.

The blaze began in a forested ravine next to ramshackle housing on one of Valparaíso's 42 hilltops, and spread quickly. Hot ash rained down over wooden houses and narrow streets. Electricity failed as the fire grew, turning the night sky orange and reducing neighborhoods on six hilltops to ashes.

Schools were closed Monday in the city, since some were damaged and others were overflowing with evacuees.

President Michelle Bachelet toured the shelters and canceled this week's trip to Argentina and Uruguay, ordering her ministers to meet with her Monday morning to explain their responses. "It's a tremendous tragedy. This could be the worst fire in the city's history," she said.

Valparaíso is a picturesque oceanside city of 250,000 people surrounded by hills that form a natural amphitheater. The compact downtown includes Chile's congress and its



**A man looks at the charred remains of homes after a large forest fire in Valparaíso, Chile, Sunday.**

second-largest port. But most of the people live in the hills, and the city owes its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site to their colorful homes, built on slopes so steep that many people commute using staircases and cable cars.

But what's beautiful in postcards can be dangerous for those who live there. Many people have built on land not fit for housing, and entire communities lack municipal water connections.

"We are too vulnerable as a city. We have been the builders and architects of our own danger," Valparaíso Mayor Jorge Castro said Sunday in an interview with Chile's 24H channel.

The fires destroyed at least 2,000 houses by Sunday evening, and the death toll rose to 12, Interior Minister Rodrigo Penailillo said. Three of the 12 victims were identified, and the others are so badly burned that DNA tests will be done, the national forensics service said. More than 500 people were treated at hospitals, mostly for smoke inhalation.

It was already the city's worst fire since 1953, when 50 people were killed. Bachelet declared the entire city a catastrophe zone and put the military in charge of maintaining order.

Some 1,250 firefighters, police and forest rangers battled the blaze while 2,000 sailors in combat gear patrolled streets to maintain order and prevent looting.

## Robotic sub deployed in search for jetliner

BY MARGIE MASON  
*The Associated Press*

PERTH, Australia — Search crews sent a robotic submarine deep into the Indian Ocean for the first time Monday to begin scouring the seabed for the missing Malaysian airliner after no signals from its black boxes were detected for six days.

Meanwhile, officials were investigating an oil slick about 3.4 miles from the area where the last underwater sounds were detected, said Angus Houston, the head of a joint agency coordinating the search off Australia's west coast.

Crews have collected an oil sample and are sending it back to Australia for analysis, a process that will take several days. Houston said it does not appear to be from any of the ships in the area, but cautioned against jumping to conclusions about its source.

The unmanned underwater vehicle, the Bluefin 21, was launched from the Australian navy ship Ocean Shield, the U.S. Navy said. The autonomous sub can create a three-dimensional sonar map of any debris on the ocean floor.

The move comes after crews picked up a series of underwater sounds over the past two weeks that were consistent with signals from an aircraft's black boxes, which record flight data and cockpit conversations. The devices emit "pings" so they can be more easily found, but their batteries only last about a month and are now believed dead.

"Today is day 38 of the search," Houston told a news conference. "We haven't had a single detection in six days, so I guess it's time to go under water."

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott

raised hopes last week when he said authorities were "very confident" the four strong underwater signals that were detected were from the black boxes on Flight 370, which disappeared March 8 during a flight from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing with 239 people on board, mostly Chinese.

But Houston warned that while the signals are a promising lead, the public needs to be realistic about the challenges facing search crews in the extremely remote, deep patch of ocean — an area he called "new to man."

"I would caution you against raising hopes that the deployment of the autonomous underwater vehicle will result in the detection of the aircraft wreckage. It may not," Houston said. "However, this is the best lead we have, and it must be pursued vigorously. Again, I emphasize that this will be a slow and painstaking process."

The Ocean Shield had been dragging a U.S. Navy device called a towed pinger locator through the water to listen for any sounds from the black boxes' beacons.

The Bluefin sub takes six times longer to cover the same area as the pinger locator, and the two devices can't be used at the same time. Crews had been hoping to detect additional signals before sending down the sub, so they could triangulate the source and zero in on where the black boxes may be.

The submarine will take 24 hours to complete each mission: two hours to dive to the bottom, 16 hours to search the seafloor, two hours to return to the surface, and four hours to download the data, Houston said. In its first deployment, it will search a 15-square mile section of seafloor.



DAN BAILEY/AP

## Israel readies for Passover

Ultra-Orthodox Jews collect water to make matzo during the Maim Shelanoo ceremony at a mountain spring near Jerusalem on Sunday. The water is used to prepare the traditional unleavened bread for the high holiday of Passover. The weeklong holiday, which began at sundown Monday, commemorates the liberation of the ancient Israelites from centuries of slavery in Egypt, as described in the Old Testament. In Judaism, it is dubbed the festival of freedom. Most of Israel shuts down in the evening as families and friends gather for Seder, the ritual multi-course meal where the story of the exodus from Egypt is discussed in detail so that the tradition is preserved throughout the generations. Leavened goods like bread and items made from yeast such as beer are banned during the holiday.

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# OPINION

## Kerry should stay strong on Mideast

By STEVEN L. SPIEGEL  
Los Angeles Times

There's a new industry in Washington, Jerusalem and Ramallah. It's called Kerry-bashing. The secretary of state never should have tried to bring about an Israeli-Palestinian deal; he wasted too much time; he's too soft on the Israelis or Palestinians or both; he needs to get out to other issues.

Why the criticism? John F. Kerry has brought the peace process back into focus, he's dragged both sides into talks even though they were loath to make concessions, and he has altered the dialogue and perhaps even attained some concessions behind the scenes. And then it all came crashing down over the sudden Palestinian turn to the United Nations, ostensibly because Israel stalled a few days on an agreement to release prisoners.

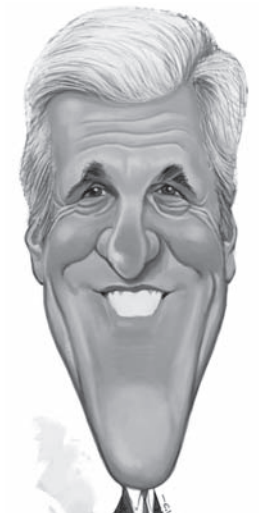
Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' announcement that the group would seek to join 15 international agencies — thereby breaking commitments and presumably breaking the talks — brought on the "I told you so's" from critics. But not so fast. There's a dynamic here that Kerry is clever enough to realize.

If the Israelis had exclusively played the offended party — ready to cooperate but prevented from doing so by irresponsible Palestinian behavior — then most in the West would have been sympathetic and Kerry would have little room to maneuver.

Indeed, the Palestinians would have assumed they had won an important victory, with the Israelis too stunned and the Americans too timid to retaliate. They would have believed that they had a major path to achieving a Palestinian state, without the Israelis and Americans, through the United Nations.

Though this path is an illusion, that was a fault of no one but the Israelis for failing for a fair amount of time, to Israel's great deficit and Kerry's frustration.

But, as so often happens, the Israeli right inadvertently provided Kerry with an opportunity to save the day. There is no question that this Israeli government does confrontation better than negotiation. Seemingly relieved of the burden of even



CHRIS WARE/MCT

Secretary of State John F. Kerry

contemplating concessions, major Israeli political figures have been competing to see who can come up with more deliciously harmful ways of hurting the Palestinians through sanction-like economic punishments and deprivations. The Israelis have demonstrated that the two sides can play the same game, and Jerusalem has a far wider means of inflicting damage than Ramallah in this kind of competition.

So now the two sides are back to being on about equal footing. Both sides have behaved badly and will have to step back from

the precipice, if Kerry plays it right. By leaving a team under U.S. envoy Martin Indyk in place on the scene, the door is open for resurrecting the deal that was on the verge of being completed when the Palestinians decided to move their efforts to the U.N.

An agreement can be envisioned in which Abbas terminates his U.N. gambit, the Israelis withdraw their plans for economic retaliation, the Palestinian prisoners who were going to be released are released, the U.S. releases convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, and possibly the Israelis make some muted statement about restraint on construction in disputed territories in the future. Each side would be able to state that had it not been for their tough actions, a deal would have been impossible.

Something like this scenario transpires, the wisdom of Kerry's approach would suddenly and resoundingly be reinforced. But let's imagine that Kerry is not able to resurrect the talks and a long crisis begins.

The secretary knows, as does his team, that no deals are struck in the Middle East without major crises. For example, when the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement talks broke down in March 1975, it looked as if no easy path was on the horizon. By the end of August, Egypt and Israel signed an agreement. Similarly, after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's monumental trip to Jerusalem in November 1977, there were repeated Israeli-Egyptian crises until the success of Camp David in September 1978, and more crises still until the March 1979 signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Arab-Israeli talks are not for the weak-hearted. Perseverance is the key. Quitting now would be like giving up when you're down by a couple touchdowns early in the fourth quarter. The Bradys and the Mannings pull out the victories under highly adverse-looking circumstances. Whatever they say, Israelis and Palestinians thrive on these kinds of confrontations, and Kerry does too. That's why now is not the time to give up. If he wants any chance of succeeding, Kerry should just be getting started.

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## This is no way to downsize the US military

By JAMES JAY CARAFANO  
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After battling Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, al-Qaida, the Taliban, forest fires, hurricanes and floods, America's Army is now fighting itself. This battle of brothers, however, is over how to downsize in the face of budget cuts.

Skirmishes have spilled into the halls of Congress and governors' offices nationwide. Winners and losers might eventually include communities with a military presence all over the country.

Washington routinely downsizes the ranks after major wars. But President Barack Obama's strategy for a post-Iraq and Afghanistan military has been particularly problematic. Before 9/11, the armed forces were already too small to cover all of America's vital interests. The planet today is a much more dangerous place than it was a decade ago.

An expansive China, a restive Russia, a Middle East in meltdown, an al-Qaida making a comeback, and Iran and North Korea acting as rogue as ever are all challenges that require a U.S. military to be trained, ready and "on watch." Yet the president seems determined to shrink the armed forces to the smallest level the world has

seen in modern times.

Army Aviation brigades remain one of the military's most potent assets. They can hunt down enemies hiding in the bush. They can move tons of supplies, troops or refugees on a moment's notice. But they are expensive to maintain and difficult to train. One of the Pentagon's toughest tasks is figuring out how to maintain the most cost-effective mix of aviation forces.

The Army's Aviation assets are spread among the "active" forces and the National Guard. The National Guard is a unique component of the armed forces. Until they are mobilized for federal service, they remain under the control of the states.

Each state has an adjutant general who commands the forces for the governor until Uncle Sam needs them. Under state control, National Guard often performs an array of duties, including disaster relief. Since the Army funds much of the National Guard's training and equipment, the two have to collaborate to make sure the reserves have what they need to do all their jobs.

During the Cold War, the Army organized the guard under a principle called "mirror imaging." In short, the active and reserve forces were organized the same. That was a precaution to make sure America had a lot more of everything in case the Cold War turned hot.

That principle no longer makes sense. Today's Army needs a better plan. And the Pentagon actually came up with one. Rather than salami-size the active and reserve aviation assets, the Pentagon came out with a plan to pool all the Apache "attack" helicopters in the active force. That way, the attack forces are most ready to respond to unexpected conflicts.

Meanwhile, the Army planned to shift more of its most modern Blackhawk utility helicopters to the National Guard. Not only is training and maintenance of the utility helicopters less of a strain on guard units, they will likely be of much more use to the guard forces in peacetime with application in missions from disaster response to search and rescue.

Yet this aviation restructuring plan has triggered an acrimonious debate with adjutant generals that don't want to give up "their" attack helicopters. The debate has spilled over into Congress, where some members are likely to take the plan ... to the Army and the Guard and say they need to do a better job of working together. The problem, however, will be solved only when the president and Congress provide the leadership that the times demand.

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## OPINION

## Credit Sebelius for surviving the furnace

BY BARBARA SHELLY

**S**o this is it for Kathleen Sebelius. The former Kansas governor officially announced her resignation as U.S. health and human services secretary on Friday.

The headlines make her sound like a combat casualty, ending her "stormy tenure" after the "disastrous rollout" of HealthCare.gov, stumbling away battered and bloodied.

But, seriously, the woman has lived in a furnace for five years. She's been dragged in front of congressional committees, pilloried by pundits and politicians, abandoned by friends (looking at you, Sen. Pat Roberts) and was asked to build a massive health insurance marketplace with scant resources. Frankly, a lesser individual would have bailed months ago.

No doubt, the rollout of the insurance exchange marketplace was horrible, and it exposed serious management weaknesses. But look, presidents since Harry S. Truman have been trying to reform America's health-care system so that people of all ages, incomes and health conditions have access to affordable medical care.

We're not all the way there yet. States like Missouri and Kansas still want to deny Medicaid to low-income working families, for instance. But we're closer to that goal than we've ever been before, and Sebelius has been a big part of it.

It's definitely time for her to go. She's been in the middle of too many fracases. The website debacle is too fresh. There's an election coming up and she's a convenient punch line.

But let's take the long view. People in time will forget about the blank screens and error messages that accompanied the start of HealthCare.gov. The website will continue to improve and people will find it easier and more understandable. Already 7.5 million people have coverage through the insurance exchange.

The Affordable Care Act has passed the point of repeal. Its consumer protections are changing America. People no longer need fear denial of care or financial ruin because



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**President Barack Obama walks with outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, right, and his nominee to replace her, Budget Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell, as they leave the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington on Friday.**

they have a serious illness. Young people can remain on their parents' insurance policies until they are more secure. There are no more lifetime caps on coverage.

Health care reform has been like a big bulldozer scraping up a hill. And there's a long distance yet to climb. But the system

is fairer and better now than it was when President Barack Obama began his push five years ago, and Sebelius has been in the middle of it all.

Someday, not too long from now, Sebelius will assume a comfortable spot in history as Obama's HHS secretary during the

epic health care wars. She voluntarily entered the furnace, and she stood in with a measure of grace.

Meanwhile, I suspect there's a beach in Sebelius' near future.

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## Countering 'war on women' hysterics in Michigan

BY GEORGE F. WILL

**R**obert Griffin, now 90, who rose to be the second in the Republican U.S. Senate leadership, was defeated in 1978. Since then, only one Michigan Republican, Spencer Abraham in 1994, has been elected to the Senate and for only one term. Evidence that former Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land might end this GOP drought is that Democrats are attacking her for opposing "preventive health care."

This is a phrase Democrats use to include abortion as they try to reprise their 2012 alarms about Republicans' "war on women," which began with the martyrdom of Sandra Fluke. She was the Georgetown University law student aggrieved because the Catholic university she chose to attend was not paying for her contraception. The median starting annual salary of Georgetown law graduates entering the private sector is \$160,000. Wal-Mart sells a month's worth of birth control pills for \$9.

In the almost half-century since Lyndon Johnson's flood of Great Society legislation, Democrats have had one significant new idea, Obamacare, which many Democrats consider one too many. Hence their

reliance on the specter of Republican hostility to persons with two X chromosomes.

Land is delighted to have Democrats raising the subject of "preventive" or other health care. It is one topic of about \$5 million of Michigan ads by the conservative advocacy group Americans for Prosperity. In one, a woman addresses Land's opponent, Democratic Rep. Gary Peters:

"My name is Julie Boonstra and five years ago I was diagnosed with leukemia. I found out that I only have a 20 percent chance of surviving. I found this wonderful doctor and a great health care plan. I was doing fairly well fighting the cancer, fighting the leukemia, and then I received the letter. My insurance was canceled because of Obamacare."

Another ad features a woman who believes Obamacare is waging a war on her: "We have five kids. ... Our health insurance plan was canceled because of Obamacare. ... This new plan is not affordable at all. My husband is working a lot more hours just to pay for these new increases. I'm frustrated that government has caused this huge problem for our family."

"We," says Land, her Michigan charivari undiminished by this city's collapse, "are the state that created the middle

class." High wages for autoworkers—higher than the companies could sustain—and employee discounts for cars enabled people to buy homes, then cottages and boats at nearby lakes. Now Obamacare—many Michiganders have had health plans canceled—is fueling middle-class insecurity.

Peters opposes the Keystone XL pipeline and favors cap-and-trade climate legislation that Land says jeopardizes the revival of Michigan's manufacturing economy. Peters, a former state senator, has won three congressional elections. Land, having won statewide twice, is better known, and as secretary of state she concentrated on improving an experience most Americans dread—interacting with the department of motor vehicles.

In some recent polls she has a small lead in what may remain a close race. She has less to fear than Republicans used to have from Detroit's Democratic vote. The city's population has plunged from 1.8 million to 700,000 and today's Democratic mayor wields a much diminished political machine while an emergency manager is in place. Only 3 percent of Michiganders live in the Upper Peninsula but in a close race they could provide the margin of victory for Land. The UP's conservatism can be

distilled in six words: "I'm up here, don't bother me."

Land represents Republicans' most effective response to Democrats' hyperventilating about the "war on women"—female candidates. It will be amusing to see such rhetoric tried in Iowa, where Joni Ernst, a lieutenant colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard who served in Iraq, is seeking the Republican Senate nomination. She says in an ad: "I grew up castrating hogs on an Iowa farm. So when I get to Washington, I'll know how to cut pork." She rides a Harley and in a recent Des Moines Register column she said, "Those who know me well know that I carry a black purse everywhere I go. What many people don't know is what's inside: a Smith and Wesson 9 mm and my concealed carry permit."

Many Democrats seem to prefer the sensibility of Fluke, a professional victim and virtuoso whiner. Michigan's electorate, which has produced today's Republican governor and Legislature, may be ready, by electing a Republican senator for the third time in 42 years, to show what they think of "war on women" hysterics as a substitute for thought.

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## NATION

## BRITISH INDIANA JONES

## Florida professor on quest to dig up Jewish history

By KEN KAYE  
Sun Sentinel

**A** FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. After tangling with snakes and dodging gunfire while venturing into remote and dangerous regions, he's become known as the British Indiana Jones.

Instead of trying to find the Holy Grail, Tudor Parfitt's passion is tracing the ancestral history of the Jewish people. His latest quest: Examine their migration at the time of Christopher Columbus to the Caribbean, Central America and South Florida.

"There is always the question of whether Christopher Columbus himself was a Jew," said Parfitt, a distinguished professor of religious studies at Florida International University in Miami. "In any event, there were five or six Jews on his first voyage."

Parfitt plans to write a book — his 27th — about how Jews escaping the Spanish Inquisition 500 years ago initially settled in places like Cuba, Panama and the Dominican Republic. They soon fled to Miami to escape even more religious persecution.

"Things got a bit sticky on those islands, so Miami is where they came," he said.

Driven by his quest to unearth Jewish history, Parfitt traveled extensively and came up with eye-opening theories. Among them: The first Jews to settle in the U.S. probably did so at St. Augustine, Fla., as part of the Spanish settlement, and many black Jews are the descendants of slaves, whose owners forced them to convert to Judaism. He also theorizes that the first person killed after arriving in New World on a Columbus boat was likely Jewish.

Parfitt thinks when the latest book is finished, probably next year, South Floridians will have a better understanding of Jewish roots in the region.

"There's a 500-year history of Jewish involvement in Miami that's been told to an extent, but not very well," he said. "Their roles in the trades, in local industries, in agriculture and in politics has been absolutely mega."

Born in England, Oxford-educated and fluent in several languages, Parfitt is an Anglican who regularly attends church. He developed an interest in Jewish history as a young child during World War II. His parents took in a Jewish refugee who had escaped the Nazis in Europe.

"He was an old man with a beard," Parfitt said. "He looked after the house and took care of me."

Like the fictional Indiana Jones, Parfitt, who prefers not to reveal his age — "I'm not 21, I'll tell you that" — has faced death on more than one occasion. Last year, he went to Papua New Guinea, and found that



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Florida International University professor Tudor Parfitt shows artifacts from Papua, New Guinea, at his office in Miami on Feb. 25. The religious studies professor is researching for a book on Jews in the Caribbean and Latin America for the past 500 years.

### Tudor Parfitt's adventures

**2013:** In Papua New Guinea, linked the Gogodala, formally a tribe of cannibals, to the original tribes of Israel by way of DNA testing.

**1996:** In Zimbabwe, Africa, linked the Lemba tribe to the Holy Land through genetic profiles and — in the store room of the Harare Museum of Human Sciences — found a replica of the Lost Ark of the Covenant, thought to hold the Ten Commandments.

**Early '90s:** Linked an ancient Jewish community in Yemen to the Holy Land through DNA work.

**1985:** Studied various Jewish communities in Thailand, Singapore and Japan.

**1984:** During the great Ethiopian famine, with warfare raging, he wrote a report alleging that Ethiopian Jews were being poisoned in refugee camps.

**1963:** Spent a year with Voluntary Service Overseas in Jerusalem, working with handicapped people, some of whom had survived Nazi concentration camps.

the Gogodala tribe — at one time cannibals — could be traced back to the original tribes of Israel. While in a canoe on a river with the tribesmen, a highly poisonous snake dropped from a tree into the boat.

"A Gogodala tribesman cut the snake in half before it could do any damage," he said.

In the course of linking a group of people in Zimbabwe to ancient Israel in the mid-1990s, he apparently rubbed someone the wrong way. Driving through the countryside, he saw barrels had been placed in the roadway. He drove around them, only to have his back window shot out.

"I could see this was an ambush," he said. "If I had stopped, I wouldn't be here."

After that adventure, the European press dubbed him the "British Indiana Jones."

He subsequently was shot at twice while doing research in Yemen the 1990s.

Also like the fictional Indy, he has searched for treasured historical objects, such as the Lost Ark of the Covenant, thought to hold the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments. After years of searching, he found an ancient replica in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. It was such an amazing find he wrote a book about it.

Today he regularly gives academic lectures at the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU and is sometimes introduced while the theme music from the Indiana Jones movies plays in the background.

"At one of these talks, someone stood up and said, 'You're not as good looking as Harrison Ford,'" Parfitt said. "I said, 'I do my best.' It's fun."

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Tudor Parfitt

## SHIFTING GEARS

# 'Cheap' cars aren't always worthwhile

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Los Angeles Times

Cars cost a lot of money. With an average sales price of about \$32,000, we know a new car is out of reach for many. The automakers know this too, which is why they continue to roll out bottom-rung cars for buyers on way-below-average budgets.

The three least expensive cars on the market are the Nissan Versa at \$12,800, the Chevrolet Spark at \$12,995 and the Mitsubishi Mirage at \$13,790. Prices are for the most basic cars with no options but do include destination charges.

In that lowly range, their chief competition is a reliable used car. But some buyers get more peace of mind from buying new.

But cheapness doesn't necessarily equate to good value, as we found out in a week of testing these three budget-mobiles. Here's how they stacked up, from worst to first.

**Mitsubishi Mirage.** Engines are getting smaller and smaller. And a wave of new three-cylinder motors is showing just how good automakers have gotten at wringing more power and refinement out of tiny engines.

But the three-cylinder in the Mirage is neither refined nor powerful.

The CVT transmission, a \$1,000 option, is the better of the two transmissions (the base offering is a five-speed manual). But the automatic still has its issues, and it acts more like early examples of CVTs, producing an irritating hum as the clattering engine wanders through the rev range.

The Mirage is not without its merits. It came nicely equipped for the low sticker price, including climate control, power windows and locks, keyless entry, power side mirrors, floor mats and a USB port. The styling is functional, if uninspired.



RICARDO DEARATANA, LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT

From left, the Mitsubishi Mirage, Chevrolet Spark and Nissan Versa represent the three least expensive cars on the market.

**Nissan Versa.** The Versa is the best-selling car in this group as well as the lowest priced vehicle in the U.S. auto market. Though the base model brings new meaning to the term "stripped," it's a better value than the Mirage.

The highlight of this car is its size. Four adults can slide into the Versa with legroom and headroom to spare. You can sardine a fifth in a pinch, but make sure everyone showered recently.

The Versa's 102.4-inch wheelbase, compared with 96.5 inches for the Mirage and 93.5 inches for the Spark, also helped the car track better at high speeds and over rough roads.

But you give up a lot for the interior space and slightly better drive. Nissan doesn't hide the budget nature of this car. It has crank windows, manual locks and an entertainment system with all

the fidelity of a 1960s transistor radio.

The knobs on the dashboard would have looked cheap and basic 20 years ago; now they look as if they're going to melt during the next heat wave.

A sixth gear on the manual transmission would have been nice during freeway cruising to keep the engine from droning on. And the carpeting at your feet looks and feels like a classroom's worth of chalkboard erasers stitched together.

Except for noise, the drivetrain on the Versa is adequate for an extreme economy car. The transmission ranked second of these three in terms of feel and refinement. Its biggest drawback was the clutch pedal, which seemed to engage unpredictably. The four-cylinder engine has the most horsepower of our cheapo trio,

though it also has the most mass to move around.

**Chevrolet Spark.** Chevrolet's Spark is the pick of this litter. Despite being the smallest in this group and one of the smallest cars on the U.S. market, Chevy manages to pack a lot of value into this car.

The smoothness of the tiny, 1.3-liter, four-cylinder engine is a welcome relief after shuddering around in the Mitsubishi. Eighty-four horsepower may sound quaint, but it was more than enough to zip around town. The five-speed manual transmission allowed quick, crisp shifts with little drama.

The Spark's interior also impresses with refinement and relatively quiet ride. This Chevy hides its price tag and its size well.

Yet with space at such a premium, there are a few ergonomic oversights. Tall drivers will hit their knees on the climate control knob, and the shifter brushes their leg in first and second gear. But the benefit of this car's size is immediately evident the first time you go to park it. You can squeeze this thing between two badly parked cars. We also liked

the tight turning radius.

The seats were comfortable and supportive, the best of the bunch here.

Still, the Spark leaves something to be desired. Like the other cars, its performance suffers at highway speeds. Noise climbs quickly even if the speed doesn't. A roaring truck in the next lane drowns out any conversation. It bounces on rough roads.

In the final analysis, the super-cheap segment doesn't hold up well against the prospect of a high-quality used car with a similar price tag.

We asked car shopping company Edmunds.com to look at what's available in this range. They found 3- to 5-year old Hyundai Elantras, Ford Fusions, Honda Civics and Accords and Nissan Altimas in the \$12,000 range, with 40,000 to 80,000 miles.

All of these vehicles have far better driving characteristics, more safety features, and good reliability records and resale value. Shopping for a used car is more daunting to some buyers — especially those who don't like cars in the first place. But it's worth it.

## 2014 Mitsubishi Mirage



**Highs:** Has features others don't. **Lows:** Three-cylinder engine sounds like a dump truck; vague transmission. **Vehicle type:** 4-door subcompact hatchback. **Base price:** \$13,790. **Price as tested:** \$13,790. **Powertrain:** 1.2-liter, inline three-cylinder engine, front-wheel-drive. **Transmission:** Five-speed manual. **Horsepower:** 74. **Torque:** 74 pound-feet. **EPA fuel economy rating:** 34 mpg city, 42 mpg highway.

Los Angeles Times

## 2014 Nissan Versa



**Highs:** Plenty of space for adults in back; top horsepower for this trio. **Lows:** Unashamedly cheap, with DIY windows and locks. **Vehicle type:** 4-door compact sedan. **Base price:** \$12,800. **Price as tested:** \$12,800. **Powertrain:** 1.6-liter, inline four-cylinder engine, front-wheel-drive. **Transmission:** Five-speed manual. **Horsepower:** 109. **Torque:** 107 pound-feet. **EPA fuel economy rating:** 27 mpg city, 36 mpg highway.

Los Angeles Times

## 2014 Chevrolet Spark



**Highs:** Parks anywhere; quiet and refined drivetrain; adults fit in rear. **Lows:** Oddball styling outside, some ergonomic issues inside. **Vehicle type:** 4-door mini-car hatchback. **Base price:** \$12,995. **Price as tested:** \$13,915. **Powertrain:** 1.3-liter, four-cylinder engine, front-wheel-drive. **Transmission:** Five-speed manual. **Horsepower:** 84. **Torque:** 83 pound-feet. **EPA fuel economy rating:** 31 mpg city, 39 mpg highway.

Los Angeles Times

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Dozens of police respond to party

**CO** FORT COLLINS — Police responding to a report that a party had gotten too big were met by rocks and bottles thrown toward officers and some people jumping on cars.

Fort Collins Police Services spokesman Lt. Jeremy Yonce said officers were called to the home southwest of the Colorado State University campus just after midnight Sunday. The host called police after some 200 people showed up at the party.

About 25 police units from Fort Collins and campus police responded to disperse the crowd. No citations were issued immediately, though Yonce said additional investigation is still possible.

No injuries were reported immediately.

## Woman reunites soldier with lost journal

**GA** COLUMBUS — An Alabama woman has helped a Fort Benning soldier reclaim a writing journal he lost after being deployed to Afghanistan in 2003.

Kerri Clemons, of Arab, Ala., met Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Bailey at the National Infantry Museum in Columbus on Friday.

Bailey was freshly deployed to Afghanistan 11 years ago when he decided to keep a journal.

Bailey later lost track of the book. Clemons found it in a second-hand store in 2004 and began trying to locate Bryan.

Clemons recently contacted a friend at WAFF-TV in Huntsville, Ala., and the station did a story. Several people contacted Bryan after seeing the piece, and he contacted Clemons.

Bryan thinks the journal got mixed up with other books that were shipped back after the deployment.

## Ex-official gets nearly 12-year prison term

**CA** LOS ANGELES — One of the architects of a massive corruption scandal that nearly bankrupted the modest Los Angeles suburb of Bell was sentenced Thursday to nearly 12 years in prison by a judge who called her a con artist.

Former Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia was ordered to make more than \$8 million in restitution to Bell.

Spaccia was the first of seven former public officials to be sentenced for their roles in the scandal that authorities said cost the small, working-class city more than \$5.5 million. More than a quarter of Bell's 36,000 residents live below the federal poverty line.

Former Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley once described the scandal as "corruption on steroids."

## Bagged body parts found near train tracks

**NY** NEW YORK — Authorities say a homeless man made a disturbing discovery near some train tracks in Queens.

## THE CENSUS

# \$20K

The amount paid for a 3.85-carat diamond that an Oklahoma City girl found at an Arkansas park. Tana Clymer said she plans to use the money from the recent sale of the diamond to help pay for college. The teen found the yellow, teardrop-shaped diamond in October while hunting for gems with her family at Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, Ark.



PETE CASTER, THE (CENTRALIA, WASH.) CHRONICLE/AP

## Into the drink

Charlotte Reynolds and Matt Gillispie flip their raft as they go over Rainbow Falls along the Chehalis River during the climax of the 37th annual Pe Ell River Run on Saturday near Doty, Wash. Dozens of rafters start the trip just west of Pe Ell and make the five-hour journey down the Chehalis River to Rainbow Falls State Park.

He found some plastic bags with body parts inside them.

The man found the bags near the Long Island Rail Road tracks in the Elmhurst section. They had been dumped in an overgrown area.

A torso, a leg bone and a skull were among the remains. Details on whether they belonged to a man or woman, or any other identifying information, were still to be determined.

## Woman is recovering after attack by bear

**FL** LAKE MARY — Wildlife officials are warning residents to watch out for bears on the move, particularly after a central Florida woman was attacked by a bear outside her home.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said Terri Frana encountered the bear Saturday night outside her Lake Mary home.

Officials said that while several bears were observed nearby, only one bear was responsible for Frana's injuries.

Frana was treated at a hospital and released. Seminole County Fire Rescue officials told reporters that Frana was bitten on her

head and arm.

The wildlife commission is investigating and has set several bear traps in the area.

Wildlife officials say bears are leaving their winter dens and looking for food. Their increased activity means it's more likely to spot bears in neighborhoods.

## Geologists link small quakes to fracking

**OH** COLUMBUS — State geologists in Ohio have for the first time linked earthquakes in a geologic formation deep under the Appalachians to gas drilling, leading the state to issue new permit conditions in certain areas that are among the nation's richest.

A state investigation of five small tremors in the Youngstown area, in the Appalachian foothills, last month has found the high-pressure injection of sand and water that accompanies hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in the Utica Shale may have increased pressure on a small, unknown fault, said State Oil & Gas Chief Rick Simmers. He called the link "probable."

While earlier studies had linked earthquakes in the same region to deep-injection wells used for dis-

posal of fracking wastewater, this marks the first time tremors have been tied directly to fracking, Simmers said. Five seismic events in March were all part of what was considered a single event and couldn't be easily felt by people.

## Passengers ill on cruise ship from Baltimore

**MD** BALTIMORE — Passengers sailing on the Grandeur of the Seas from the Port of Baltimore have been sickened on two consecutive trips, federal health officials say.

The most recent outbreak occurred on the Royal Caribbean International vessel, which left Baltimore on April 5 for a seven-day cruise to the Bahamas, Royal Caribbean spokeswoman Cynthia Martinez said in an email Friday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on its website that about 100 passengers and crewmembers fell ill with vomiting and diarrhea. Martinez said a norovirus was believed to be the cause.

"Those affected by the short-lived illness have responded well to over-the-counter medication being administered onboard the ship," Martinez said. She said the latest ship carried 2,120 passen-

gers and 800 crewmembers.

The CDC said more than 100 passengers and crewmembers got sick on the Grandeur's last cruise from Baltimore from March 28 to April 5. The agency said the cause was a norovirus.

## Crocodile caught wandering around mall

**CA** ROSEVILLE — Don't shed any tears for a crocodile that was captured wandering outside a pet store at a Northern California shopping mall.

California Fish and Wildlife officials have taken custody of the croc, are feeding it rainbow trout and likely will donate it to a zoo.

Police said the crocodile apparently was left outside the Roseville store by someone who didn't want it anymore.

The animal had grown to 4 feet long, and its jaws had been wrapped shut with heavy-duty tape. There was a note identifying it as a Nile crocodile and requesting someone "call rescue."

Police said no one was hurt Wednesday when the animal was picked up with the help of a catch pole typically used to nab stray dogs.

From wire reports



## FACES

# Peep show

## Upcoming flicks the real winners at MTV Movie Awards

By JESSICA HERNDON  
The Associated Press

Last year, the MTV Movie Awards moved up its broadcast date from June to April to incorporate a summer movie plug-fest. Sunday night's show cemented that change as clips from anticipated blockbusters debuted at the madcap ceremony.

Now in its 22nd year, the MTV Movie Awards show has become an important event for Hollywood studios. And, oh yes, there were some awards, too.

Sure, an abundance of golden popcorn-shaped prizes were again presented for fun fair, like the award for best shirtless performance, which Zac Efron accepted, well, shirtless. But it's the summer movie teasers — and the stars attached to them — that really make the show.

Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone (who will also appear in Woody Allen's "Magic in the Moonlight," opening July 25) and Jamie Foxx star in the seventh installment of Sony's "Spider-Man" franchise, which kicks off the summer movie season on May 2. The trio introduced a film clip showing Spider-Man (Garfield) and the sparkling blue villain Electro (Foxx) battling in New York's Times Square.

Fox's "X-Men: Days of Future Past" was touted with an intro by Ellen Page, who plays Shadowcat. The film, out May 23, sees the X-Men joining forces with their younger selves and introduces a number of new mutants — Blink, Sunspot, Warpath and Bishop.

Aaron Taylor-Johnson, star of Warner Bros.' "Godzilla," which opens May 16, presented the award for best fight. A short clip of the film, showing the monster preparing to wreak



AP photos

Rita Ora, left, rips open Zac Efron's shirt as he accepts the award for best shirtless performance for his role in "That Awkward Moment" at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday at Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. Efron stars in the movie "Neighbors," due out May 9.

havoc, aired before Taylor-Johnson appeared on stage.

Seth Rogen, Dave Franco and Efron, who lead Universal Pictures' comedy "Neighbors," out May 9, presented the award for best kiss.

No clip was shown for Disney-Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy," a bit of a superhero spoof set in space, but Chris Pratt, the star of the film, out Aug. 1, checked in with a long speech encouraging viewers to vote for their favorite nominees online.

First-look footage from Fox's "The Fault in Our Stars," starring Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort, showed the beginnings of the on-screen couple's romance in the heartfelt comedy.

Mark Wahlberg, who received the generation award, touted his upcoming "Transformers: Age of Extinction," saying the Paramount Pictures' flick would be the biggest movie of 2014. Some of the crew of the hit HBO show "Entourage" presented

Wahlberg with his award, and the presence of Adrian Grenier, Jerry Ferrara and Kevin Dillon reminded viewers the "Entourage" movie is being readied for 2015.

Channing Tatum will appear in

the buddy cop comedy "22 Jump Street," out June 13, with Jonah Hill (who picked up the best comedic performance award for "The Wolf of Wall Street") and the sci-fi fantasy "Jupiter Ascending," out July 18, with Mila Kunis (who scored the title of best villain for "Oz the Great and Powerful"). Both Kunis, looking very pregnant in a short, loose black dress, and Hill presented Tatum with his Trailblazer Award.

And not to be missed was Josh Hutcherson's mention of Philip Seymour Hoffman, who died Feb. 2 from a combination of heroin, cocaine and other drugs. Hoffman appeared in "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," which earned the evening's top prize of movie of the year.

"If Philip were here he would think this was really cool," said Hutcherson, one of the stars of "Hunger Games" and the recipient of the best male performance award. "To have him in our movie was one of the coolest things," Hutcherson said. "We think about him every day on set. This definitely goes out to him as well."

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1" will be released later this year.

Host Conan O'Brien kicked off the ceremony, which aired live from the Nokia Theatre, with a challenge to gain 50 celebrity cameos for his opening segment. And of course he came through with many stars like Paul Rudd and Adam Sandler, who have films expected to be released in the coming months.



Grumpy Cat arrives at the show.



Above: Josh Hutcherson, star of the Hunger Games movies, holds his awards. Below: Adrian Grenier looks on while Kevin Dillon hugs Mark Wahlberg, center, who was presented with the generation award. Wahlberg is starring in this summer's Transformers movie.



## 'Captain America' holds off 'Rio 2'

"Captain America" continued to flex its Marvel muscle the global box office, as "The Winter Soldier" took in \$41.4 million domestically and \$60.6 million overseas.

The strong second-week performance for the Walt Disney release in North America was enough to narrowly edge 20th Century Fox's "Rio 2" in a springtime battle of sequels. The animated Amazon jungle tale "Rio 2" debuted with \$39 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, almost exactly the opening weekend total of the 2011 Oscar-nominated original.

But "Captain America" has grown considerably in stature since its 2011 original, "The First Avenger." With a global cumulative total of nearly \$477 million, "The Winter Soldier" has easily surpassed the \$370 million total of "The First Avenger."

"Rio 2" also played well internationally. In its second week of release overseas, it made \$62.5 million. The low-budget supernatural horror film "Oculus" took in \$12 million for Relativity Media.

The overall box office for the year is up more than 7 percent over 2013's record haul.

## 'Divergent' film finale to be released in 2 parts

Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. says the final book of its "Divergent" trilogy will be made into two parts, following the lucrative formula it has used for "Twilight" and is repeating for "The Hunger Games."

Part I of the finale, called "Allegiant," will be released on March 18, 2016, followed by Part II on March 24, 2017.

"Insurgent," the second film in the series, begins production next month and is set for release on March 20 next year.

From The Associated Press

## Reunited

Big Boi, left, and Andre 3000 of OutKast perform behind a screen depicting the U.S. flag during their set at the Coachella Music and Arts Festival on April 11 in Indio, Calif. OutKast reunited onstage after a nearly decade-long hiatus with a set at the music festival. It is the first of many performances by the duo planned this year.



CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

## Jennifer Lopez, Laverne Cox win GLAAD Media Awards

The Associated Press

Jennifer Lopez has added a couple of more trophies to her block.

The pop star and "American Idol" judge was honored Saturday night at the 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards with the Vanguard Award, which lauds efforts to increase visibility and understand-

ing of the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community. In addition to being an outspoken advocate for gay rights, Lopez serves as executive producer of the ABC Family series "The Fosters," which centers on a lesbian couple raising their children. "The Fosters" also won the award for outstanding drama series.

Other winners at the Beverly Hilton Hotel ceremony included NBC's "Days of Our Lives" for daily drama, Fuse's "Big Freedia: Queen of Bounce" for reality program, Tegan and Sara for music artist and "Young Avengers" for comic book. "Bridegroom" and "Call Me Kuchu" tied for the outstanding documentary trophy.

"Orange Is the New Black" star Laverne Cox was presented with the Stephen F. Kolzak Award, which is given to a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender member of the entertainment community. Norman Lear, the veteran producer of such sitcoms as "All in the Family" and "Mannix," was honored with the Pioneer Award.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# US retail sales strong in March

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. retail sales in March rose by the largest amount in 18 months, led by strong gains in sales of autos, furniture and a number of other products.

The 1.1 percent jump reported by the Commerce Department on Monday was the best showing since September 2012. The government also revised February to a 0.7 percent gain, more than double its previous estimate.

Sales had fallen in January and December. Sales of autos climbed 3.1 percent while sales at general merchandise stores, a category that covers department stores and retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target, increased 1.9 percent, the strongest one-month gain since March 2007, before the country fell into recession.

The strong March gain provides more evidence that the economy is emerging from a harsh winter with some momentum.

Economists believe that warmer weather will encourage people to make purchases that they had not during a wave of winter storms. Consumers account for 70 percent of U.S. economic activity, so spending on retail is critical in fueling a stronger recovery.

Overall economic activity, as measured



GENE L. PUSKAS/AP

**A pedestrian passes a JCrew store in Pittsburgh.**

by the gross domestic product, likely slowed significantly in the January-March quarter, to somewhere between 1.5 percent and 2 percent.

Analysts are looking for a strong rebound in the current April-June quarter, with some forecasting growth of around 3 percent and

similar strong readings for the rest of the year.

For March, sales in a core category of products that feed into the government's calculations of overall growth rose by 0.9 percent, more than double the 0.5 percent gain in February.

In addition to the strong showing for auto dealers and general merchandise stores, sales increased by solid amounts at furniture stores, hardware stores and clothing stores.

Stronger growth is expected to translate into more hiring and an improving labor market.

In March, the economy reached a milestone that was a long time coming. All of the private-sector jobs lost during the recession were recovered. Private businesses shed 8.8 million jobs during the 2007-09 economic downturn. With the March gains, they have now hired 8.9 million workers. Government jobs are still below pre-recession levels.

In March, employers added 192,000 jobs, just below February's gain of 197,000 jobs. Going forward, some economists believe the stronger economy will lift average monthly job gains to around 225,000. That will mean more income earners and more consumer spending.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 15)	\$1.4196
Dollar buys (April 15)	€0.7044
British pound (April 15)	\$1.71
Japanese yen (April 15)	99.00
South Korean won (April 15)	1,013.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6734
Canada (Dollar)	1.0959
China (Yuan)	6.2190
Denmark (Krone)	6.4013
Egypt (Pound)	6.9775
Euro	\$1.3824/1.7234
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7534
Hungary (Forint)	222.18
Israel (Shekel)	3.4665
Japan (Yen)	101.71
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2816
Norway (Krone)	5.9678
Philippines (Peso)	44.43
Poland (Zloty)	3.03
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7595
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2519
South Korea (Won)	1,040.12
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8786
Thailand (Baht)	32.27
Turkey (Lira)	1.1250

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., currencies of nonresident countries), the bank with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies in one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	3.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.84
30-year bond	3.48

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



Tuesday's US temperatures											
City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	64	29	Cir	Chatanooga	55	48	Rain	Fort Wayne	39	27	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	64	29	Cir	Cheyenne	58	24	Cir	Crisno	88	57	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	63	55	Rain	Chicago	40	26	Cir	Goodland	62	25	Cir
Albuquerque	68	35	PCldy	Cincinnati	42	34	Cldy	Grand Junction	61	31	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	62	56	Cir	Cleveland	37	33	Snow	Great Falls	52	37	Cldy
Amarillo	65	26	Cir	Colorado Springs	60	25	Cir	Grand Rapids	36	24	Cldy
Anchorage	46	32	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	73	64	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	67	61	Rain
Asheville	59	55	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	63	58	Rain	Hartford	63	59	Rain
Atlanta	59	53	Rain	Concord, N.H.	66	55	Rain	Hartford Spring	64	53	Rain
Atlantic City	65	59	Rain	Corpus Christi	67	44	Cir	Helena	54	36	Cir
Austin	67	54	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	63	34	Cir	Honolulu	92	70	PCldy
Baltimore	68	63	Rain	Dayton	41	29	PCldy	Houston	65	40	Cir
Baton Rouge	61	47	PCldy	Daytona Beach	83	69	Rain	Huntsville	53	44	Cir
Bilings	58	34	Cldy	Denver	61	24	PCldy	Indianapolis	41	28	PCldy
Birmingham	53	43	Cldy	Des Moines	51	26	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	54	42	Cir
Bismarck	48	22	Cldy	Detroit	39	27	Snow	Jacksonville	76	66	Rain
Boise	60	41	Cir	Duluth	67	16	PCldy	Janeau	50	32	Cldy
Boston	67	54	Rain	El Paso	72	41	Cir	Kansas City	53	25	Cir
Bridgeport	66	55	Rain	Elkins	51	51	Rain	Key West	84	77	PCldy
Brownsville	65	52	PCldy	Erie	36	34	Rain	Knoxville	54	48	Rain
Buffalo	37	36	Snow	Eugene	59	43	Cldy	Lake Charles	64	42	PCldy
Butte	66	60	Rain	Evansville	48	35	PCldy	Lansing	35	24	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	59	49	Rain	Fairbanks	47	20	PCldy	Las Vegas	85	56	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	57	54	PCldy	Fargo	40	19	Cldy	Lexington	40	35	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	76	64	Rain	Flagstaff	64	20	Cir	Lincoln	57	26	Cir
Charlotte, W.Va.	49	46	Rain	Flint	37	24	Snow	Little Rock	57	33	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	69	63	Rain	Fort Smith	61	28	Cir	Los Angeles	82	57	Cir

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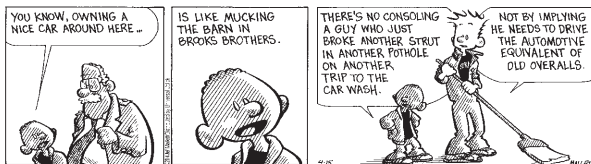
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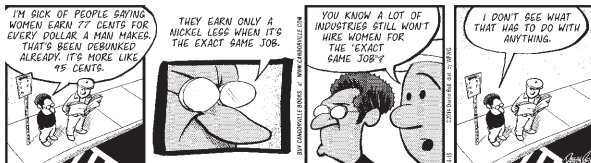
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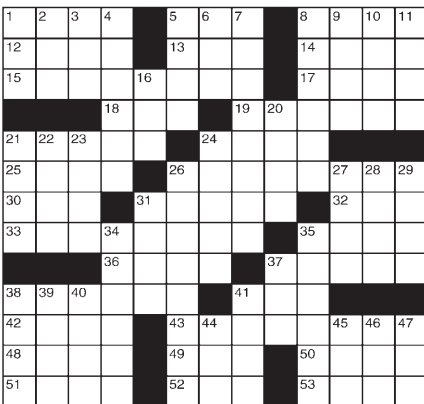
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- 1 Rosary component
- 5 Research site
- 8 Bankrolls
- 12 Sheriff Taylor's kid
- 13 Greek peak
- 14 Slightly
- 15 "Don't close the — after the horse is gone"
- 17 Moth variety
- 18 Charged particle
- 19 Sway
- 21 Specter
- 26 Cribbage scorers
- 25 Passion
- 26 Sales
- 30 Anger
- 31 Football features
- 32 Young pooch
- 33 Gave a haircut to
- 35 Musical ending
- 36 The Tentmaker
- 37 Makes weary
- 38 Sacred beetle
- 41 In favor of
- 42 Deserlike
- 43 Cookout
- 48 Fill with cargo
- 49 Latin 101 word
- 50 Back talk
- 51 Ski-lift device
- 52 Droop
- 53 Quarrel

### DOWN

- 1 Go up and down
- 2 Ecol. watchdog org.
- 3 Melody
- 4 Actress Richards of "Wild Things"
- 5 Emerald City visitor
- 6 Fuss
- 7 Traded
- 8 1990s Polish president
- 9 Be next to
- 10 Eat in style
- 11 Celebrity
- 12 URL component
- 20 Early birds'
- 21 Smooth-talking
- 22 Circle dance
- 23 Exceeding
- 24 Harness horse
- 26 Whom Pilate pardoned
- 27 Nano, for one
- 28 Undressed
- 29 Health centers
- 31 Golf legend Tony
- 34 Edge
- 35 Gentle touch
- 37 Task
- 38 Sodium chloride
- 39 Grouch
- 40 Verdi opera
- 41 Kermit, e.g.
- 44 "I — Camera"
- 45 Upper limit
- 46 Dos Passos
- 47 Superlative suffix

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 4-15

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## NHL/AUTO RACING

Selanne, Giguere  
lauded as Ducks win

By GREG BEACHAM  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Teemu Selanne and Jean-Sebastien Giguere skated to center ice under a spotlight on the darkened rink, their clasped hands held aloft.

Before Selanne's Ducks and Giguere's Colorado Avalanche head to the playoffs in a few days, these two beloved Ducks saved one last chance to feel Anaheim's mighty love for them.

Nick Bonino scored 1:33 into overtime and the Ducks finished the best regular season in franchise history with a 3-2 victory over Colorado on Sunday night.

But with their playoff position secure, the Ducks used the game to honor Selanne, who plans to retire after the season.

Wearing the captain's "C," the 43-year-old Finnish Flash got standing ovations on every shift in the third period in Anaheim, his home for 15 of his 21 NHL seasons.

"It was more emotion than I ever imagined," said Selanne, the 15th-leading scorer in NHL history with 1,457 points. "Over all the years, these fans have treated me so great. I never expected that, though. It was overwhelming."

The largest Ducks crowd of the season serenaded Selanne with applause all night, peaking in wild cheers whenever he touched the puck in Colorado's end — even if he narrowly missed several chances to add to his 684 career goals, 11th in NHL history.

Selanne took a few laps around the rink after he was awarded all three postgame stars, waving at fans and pounding his heart. When he shook hands with every player on both teams, he seized the chance to share the spotlight with Giguere, who also is leaning toward retirement.

"For him to do that, it's something that's very special for me, and something I'll never forget," said Giguere, who had two Honda Center arena suites filled with family and friends.



Joe C. Hong/AP

**Anaheim's Teemu Selanne, right, and Colorado goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere, who plan to retire after the season, hug as they are honored after Sunday's regular-season finale on Sunday in Anaheim, Calif. The Ducks won 3-2 in overtime.**

"He's such a class act. I got the game puck for him. He deserves such an ovation for everything he's done for Orange County and the Ducks."

During a first-period timeout, the crowd also stood to cheer Giguere, who stopped 33 shots.

"Jiggs" will always be adored in Anaheim after backstopping the once-Mighty Ducks to two Stanley Cup finals, winning the Conn Smythe Trophy in defeat in 2003 and hoisting the Cup in 2007.

"It was the best time in my career," Giguere said of the championship season. "There's no doubt about it, and I'm sure it was Teemu's, too. I can't think of a better guy to have won the Cup with."

Selanne and Giguere were the stars of a no-stakes meeting of the Western Conference's two division champions. Anaheim clinched the Pacific Division and West's top spot Saturday, while Colorado won the Central earlier Sunday when St. Louis lost.

The Ducks will face Dallas in the first round starting Wednesday, while the Avalanche open against Minnesota on Thursday.



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

**Mike Conway (20) drives through a turn with Marco Andretti (25) and Oriol Servia, right, enroute to winning the IndyCar Grand Prix of Long Beach on Sunday in Long Beach, Calif.**

## Conway wins wild IndyCar race

By JENNA FRYER  
The Associated Press

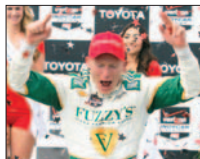
LONG BEACH, Calif. — Tempers flared all around the streets of Long Beach, where drivers declared friendships over after a surprisingly physical race.

Simon Pagenaud refused to accept a post-race apology from Will Power and Justin Wilson was furious with Scott Dixon. James Hinchcliffe tried to be diplomatic, but failed to hide his displeasure with teammate Ryan Hunter-Reay.

The one team smiling at the end of Sunday's race? Ed Carpenter Racing, which got an unexpected victory from Mike Conway.

Conway, hired this year when team owner and oval specialist Carpenter decided to get out of the car on road and street courses, started 17th and overcame an early broken wing to win the Toyota Grand Prix for the second time in his career. The British driver was chasing Dixon over the final few laps, then got the lead when Dixon stopped for fuel two laps from the finish.

"I didn't know whether he had the fuel to finish or not," Conway said. "The guys were telling me he was saving fuel and they weren't sure that he could make it, but at the same time, you don't



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

**Mike Conway celebrates his win in the IndyCar Grand Prix of Long Beach race on Sunday.**

want to rely on that. I was kind of trying to make things happen and maybe get by him. But when I saw him pull in I was like, 'OK, the guys are right and just have to bring it home.'"

The race was shaping up to be a Hunter-Reay rout until he triggered a seven-car accident 24 laps from the finish.

Hunter-Reay started from the pole and led 51 laps and had Andretti Autosport teammate Hinchcliffe right behind him when the race took a bizarre turn.

Josef Newgarden had raced off pit road in a successful bid to get back on the track in front of Hunter-Reay and Hinchcliffe, who had swept the front row in qualifying for Andretti.

But on cold tires, Newgarden wasn't going to be able to hold off Hunter-Reay for long. Only Hunter-Reay decided not to wait and tried to pass Newgarden as they entered a tight Turn 4. The two cars collided. Newgarden was sent into the wall and Hunter-Reay bounced into Castroneves' path.

Hinchcliffe ran into the back of Newgarden — Will Power and Conway successfully squeezed through the wreckage — but three more cars were collected as they all ran into the crashed cars long after the accident began.

"That shouldn't happen up front. It really shouldn't. You shouldn't have incidents like that when you are running up front," Newgarden said.

Team owner Sarah Fisher was composed when asked about the incident on television, but let her true feelings be known on Twitter shortly after: "It was our race to win and we got robbed by immaturity. Period," she posted.

Power finished second — his fourth consecutive race dating to last season that he's finished either first or second. Rookie Carlos Munoz finished third and Juan Pablo Montoya was fourth for his best showing — in a test, practice or qualifying session — in his return after seven seasons in NASCAR.



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## NBA/SPORTS BRIEFS



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The Detroit Pistons have decided not to renew Joe Dumars' contract as president of basketball operations. Dumars will remain with the team as an adviser.

## Dumars stepping down as Pistons' team president

By NOAH TRISTER  
The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Joe Dumars is stepping down as the Detroit Pistons' president of basketball operations.

The team made the move official Monday, a day after the Pistons lost their home finale and dropped to 29-52 with one game remaining in the season. Detroit will miss the postseason for a fifth consecutive year.

"It's time to turn the page on a wonderful chapter and begin writing a new one," Dumars said in a statement. "I've had the pleasure of working with some great people throughout the last 29 years as both a player and executive, and I'm proud of our accomplishments. Tom Gores and ownership is committed to winning and they will continue to move the franchise forward."

Gores took over as owner in 2011, with the team clearly in a rebuilding mode, but expectations were higher this season after the Pistons signed Josh Smith and traded for Brandon Jennings. The new-look roster flopped, and now somebody else will be in charge of the next effort to bring Detroit back to the postseason.

"Joe Dumars is a great champion who has meant so much to this franchise and this community," Gores said. "We are turning the page with great respect for what he has accomplished not only as a player and a front office executive, but as a person who has represented this team and the NBA with extraordinary dignity."

Dumars will remain an adviser to the ownership team, but this is the end of an era. Drafted by the Pistons in 1985, Dumars spent his entire 14-year playing career with the franchise, winning NBA titles in 1989 and 1990.

He was Detroit's vice president

### Did you know

Joe Dumars has been employed by the Pistons organization in some capacity continuously since being drafted in 1985.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

of player personnel during the 1999-2000 season before being promoted to president of basketball operations. Dumars was named the 2003 executive of the year, and the Pistons won another title the following season.

For the first half of his tenure as team president, Dumars' Pistons were a model of consistency, even as players and coaches came and went. Detroit reached the Eastern Conference finals every year from 2003-08, but after the team slid back into mediocrity, some of Dumars' most aggressive moves backfired.

In 2008, Dumars traded Chauncey Billups in a deal that brought Allen Iverson to the Pistons. That didn't work out well, and neither did the decision to sign Ben Gordon and Charlie Villanueva to big contracts during the 2009 offseason.

Dumars and the Pistons also struggled to find the right coach. When Cheeks was hired before this season, he became Detroit's ninth coach since 1999-2000. Immediately before Cheeks, Lawrence Frank and John Kuester lasted two seasons each, with little success.

### Briefly

# 49ers' linebacker Smith arrested at LA airport

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — San Francisco 49ers linebacker Aldon Smith was arrested Sunday at Los Angeles International Airport after authorities said he became belligerent during a security screening and threatened that he had a bomb.

The 24-year-old player was randomly selected for a secondary screening at Terminal 1 and became uncooperative with the process, airport police Sgt. Karla Ortiz said. She said he told a TSA agent that he had a bomb before walking to the gate. When airport police caught up with him, Ortiz said Smith became uncooperative and was taken into custody.

A witness video posted on TMZ.com shows Smith exchanging words with an officer as he was being handcuffed and escorted out of the gate area.

Smith was booked for investigation of making a false bomb threat. FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said anyone who makes a bomb threat at an airport is potentially subject to federal charges, although no such charges have been filed against Smith.

A message seeking comment from Smith's agent wasn't immediately returned.

With the arrest, Smith is involved in three pending criminal cases.

"We are disappointed to learn of the incident today involving Aldon Smith," 49ers general manager Trent Baalke said in a statement. "As this is a pending legal matter and we are still gathering the pertinent facts, we will have no further comment."

In other NFL news:

■ The Detroit Lions have claimed defensive end Kourtnei Brown off waivers.

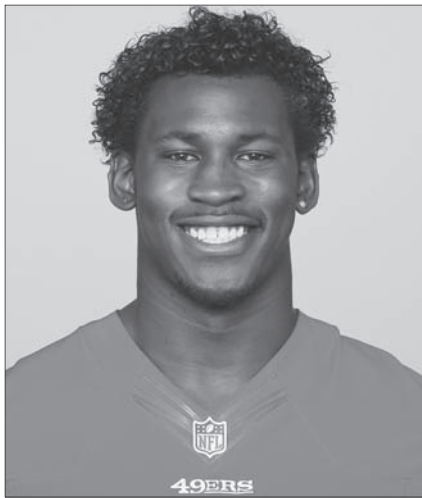
The move was made Monday. Brown was released by the Buffalo Bills last week. The former Clemson player was not drafted in 2012 and was cut last year by the Bills before the regular season. Buffalo re-signed him in January to a reserve-future contract.

### Prosecutor presses Pistorius at murder trial

PRETORIA, South Africa — The chief prosecutor in Oscar Pistorius' murder trial on Monday alleged numerous inconsistencies in the athlete's account of how he killed girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp last year, seeking to show that the athlete is lying when he says he shot her by mistake.

Chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel also accused Pistorius of tailoring his testimony to fit the evidence at the scene. Pistorius denied the accusations.

Nel alleged that the Olympic



AP Photo

San Francisco 49ers' Aldon Smith was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport after authorities said he became belligerent during a security screening and threatened that he had a bomb. LAPD Sgt. Michael Fox said Smith was booked Sunday afternoon.

runner changed his aim with his 9 mm pistol to ensure that he hit Steenkamp as she fell back against a magazine rack in a toilet cubicle. Pistorius said the claim was not true, one of many denials he has issued in four days of unrelenting cross-examination in a pivotal stage of the trial that is being broadcast on television and followed globally by people who once admired the double-amputee runner for his international achievements on the track.

Nel's methodical questioning put Pistorius under intense pressure, and the athlete sometimes became distressed, which in turn only prompted his accuser to ask him if he was using his emotional displays to mask his difficulty in answering the questions.

"I wouldn't have heard anyone fall inside of the toilet while I was shooting," Pistorius replied to Nel, though directing his gaze to Judge Thokozile Masipa, who will decide on the verdict. The athlete faces 25 years to life in prison if convicted of premeditated murder.

### Barry Trotz out as coach of the Predators

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Barry Trotz, the NHL's longest tenured

head coach with one team, will not be back for a 16th season with the Nashville Predators.

The Predators announced Monday they have told Trotz his contract will not be renewed and that they are starting a search for a new coach immediately.

Troz has been the only coach for this former expansion franchise, and he coached 1,196 games with Nashville. That puts him second only to Greg Popovich of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs for longest active coaching tenure in the four major sports.

He is the only NHL coach to take his team to the playoffs in seven of eight seasons before missing the playoffs the past two seasons. Trotz has been offered a position in the team's hockey operations department.

In other NHL news:

■ Maple Leafs goaltender Jonathan Bernier will undergo surgery to repair a sports hernia.

He says he will have the operation Wednesday and be ready in time for training camp in September.

Bernier was 26-19-7 with a 2.68 goals-against average and a .923 save percentage this season. The Leafs missed the playoffs after a 6-14-2 finish.





## MLB

## AL roundup

# Beltran's HR helps Yankees get past Red Sox

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — With a little help from the replay room, Carlos Beltran and the banged-up Yankees did just enough to hold off Boston.

Beltran hit a two-run homer, Ivan Nova rebounded from a rough outing, and New York beat the Red Sox 3-2 Sunday night with the aid of another disputed video review that led to the ejection of Boston manager John Farrell.

"Extremely difficult to have any faith in the process that's being used," Farrell said.

Ichiro Suzuki robbed David Ortiz of extra bases in the eighth inning, crashing into the outfield fence for a spectacular catch, and New York took three of four in the first series of the season between the longtime rivals.

Beltran had three hits and was pressed into his first career appearance at first base when Francisco Cervelli was injured.

"We have to do what it takes," Beltran said. "I hope I don't have to do it again."

Mike Napoli homered and Felix Doubront (1-2) went 6½ innings for the Red Sox, who scratched star second baseman Dustin Pedroia due to a sore left wrist.

New York, playing without Derek Jeter for the second consecutive game, scored its third run with the benefit of instant replay in the fourth.

With runners at the corners and one out, the Red Sox thought they turned an inning-ending double

play on Cervelli's grounder. First base umpire Bob Davidson called Cervelli out on a bang-bang play, and Cervelli grabbed his right hamstring as he tumbled to the ground.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi challenged the call, which was overturned after a 3-minute replay review. That gave New York another run and a 3-1 lead.

Farrell, surely still bothered by a replay review that curiously went against Boston the day before, pointed to his eyes as he argued with two umpires. He was quickly ejected by Davidson.

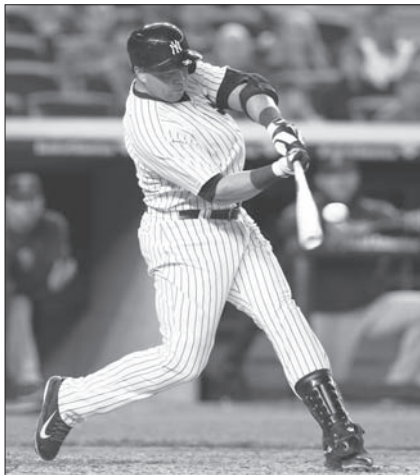
Major League Baseball acknowledged it made the wrong call on a replay challenge that went against the Red Sox during New York's 7-4 victory Saturday.

"Where this became conclusive is a hard pill to swallow," Farrell said. "On the heels of yesterday, it's hard to have any faith in the system."

Nova (2-1) received a warm ovation after giving up two runs and eight hits with no walks in 7½ innings. He was tagged by Baltimore for seven runs and 10 hits over 3½ innings during a 14-5 loss in his previous outing.

"I thought he had better command of his curveball tonight, which was a huge difference," Girardi said.

David Phelps struck out pinch-hitter Mike Carp with the bases loaded to end the eighth, pumping his fist as he bounced off the mound. Shawn Kelley struck out two in a perfect ninth for his third



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

**New York Yankees right fielder Carlos Beltran hits a seventh-inning double, chasing Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Felix Doubront, as the Yankees beat the Red Sox 3-2 on Sunday in New York.**

save.

Jacoby Ellsbury made a sliding catch in left-center to end it.

**Athletics 3, Mariners 0:** Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run homer

that broke a scoreless tie in the eighth inning, lifting visiting Oakland over Seattle. Cespedes pulled a 2-2 slider from Charlie Furbush (0-1) into the left field

bullpen. Cespedes' second homer of the season came after Jed Lowrie drew a leadoff walk.

**Rangers 1, Astros 0:** Martin Perez threw eight scoreless innings and Donnie Murphy had a sacrifice fly as host Texas got a series-clinching win over Houston. Perez (2-0) scattered five hits and walked three, but the left-hander benefited from four double-play grounders. He struck out two.

**Blue Jays 11, Orioles 3:** Mark Buehrle (3-0) allowed one run over seven innings to win his third straight start as visiting Toronto hit three home runs and had a season-high 17 hits in a victory over Baltimore. Jose Bautista hit a three-run drive and Colby Rasmus and Brett Lawrie had solo shots to help Toronto win the decisive matchup of the three-game series.

**Twins 4, Royals 3:** Pitcher Wade Davis made a wild flip home on a comebacker in the eighth inning and host Minnesota rallied past Kansas City for a three-game sweep. Casey Fien (1-0) got one out for the win and Glen Perkins posted his third save.

**White Sox 4, Indians 3:** Alexei Ramirez hit a two-run homer off John Axford (0-1) in the ninth inning, rallying host Chicago over Cleveland. The Indians scored twice in the top of the ninth, getting the go-ahead run on a wild pitch by closer Matt Lindstrom (1-1).

## NL roundup

# Lohse, Brewers roll over Bucs as win streak hits 9

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — Kyle Lohse was eager to top his Milwaukee teammates.

He sure came close.

Lohse came within an out of a complete game, and the Brewers won their ninth straight with a 4-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

"We talked about it and it is a friendly competition to see what the guy in front of you did and do it better," he said of the Brewers' rotation.

At 10-2, the Brewers are off to their best start since going 13-0 to open the 1987 season. This is Milwaukee's longest winning streak since a nine-game string last April.

Lohse (2-1) gave up four hits and struck out nine in 8½ innings. He fanned five straight in the seventh and eighth innings.

Lohse retired 12 of his last 13 batters. He was pulled with two outs in the ninth after giving up a single to Andrew McCutchen. With one out, he struck out Pedro Alvarez for three pitches for his first career save.

Milwaukee's rotation has been outstanding. The starters have a combined 1.80 ERA over the first 12 games, giving up just 22 earned runs.

Lohse had some fine defense behind him as shortstop Jan Segura made several tough plays and outfielder Logan Sherr robbed Alvarez of at least a double in the second inning when he hauled in Alvarez's



TOM LYNN/AP

**Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun, right, slides ahead of the tag by Pittsburgh Pirates' Tony Sanchez in the fourth inning of Sunday's game in Milwaukee.**

long drive just before crashing into the left field wall.

The Brewers broke open the game in the sixth, helped by an error: Aramis Ramirez walked and moved to third on Lyle Overbay's double, just his second hit of the season.

Morton struck out Scooter Gennett, but the ball was in the dirt. Catcher Tony Sanchez's throw to first was wide and went down the right field line, allowing Ramirez and Overbay to score.

Charlie Morton (0-1) pitched seven innings as the Pirates lost for the fourth time in five games.

**Giants 5, Rockies 4:** Brandon Crawford led off the 10th inning with a splash home to lift host San Francisco over Colorado. Pablo Sandoval homered and Angel Pagan drove in two runs for the Giants.

Wilin Rosario and Justin Morneau homered for the Rockies, who have lost 15 of their last 18 games in San Francisco.

**Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 6:** Adrian Gonzalez homered for the fourth consecutive game as visiting Los Angeles Dodgers beat Arizona for a three-game sweep. Gonzalez's three-run shot off Trevor Cahill (0-4) in the third inning gave him 10 RBIs in the series. Matt Kemp and Juan Uribe also homered for the Dodgers.

**Braves 10, Nationals 2:** Justin Upton and Freddie Freeman each hit two-run homers off Gio Gonzalez as Atlanta completed a three-game sweep of Washington. Aaron Harang (2-1) allowed one run in six innings. Gonzalez gave up six runs, nine hits and four walks in six innings.

**Cardinals 6, Cubs 4:** Matt Carpenter drove in three runs, leading Michael Wacha and host St. Louis over Chicago. Carpenter hit a two-run single in the second and had a sacrifice fly in the fourth that put St. Louis ahead 4-3. Wacha (2-0) allowed three runs and five hits in 6½ innings. Anthony Rizzo hit a two-run homer in the first.

**Phillies 4, Marlins 3:** Chase Utley extended his fast start with the tiebreaking homer among three hits as host Philadelphia

finished off a three-game sweep of Miami, which has lost seven in a row. Utley raised his average to .500 through 10 games, with six doubles, three home runs and 10 RBIs.

## Interleague

**Angels 14, Mets 2:** Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and Raul Ibanez hit consecutive home runs off Bartolo Colon in the first inning, setting the tone for Los Angeles' rout of visiting New York in the decisive game of their interleague series.

Hank Conger also went deep against Colon (1-2), who won the AL CY Young Award in 2005 with the Angels. Colon (1-2) gave up nine runs and 11 hits in five innings, allowing at least one hit to every batter in the Angels' starting lineup.

**Padres 5, Tigers 1:** Tyson Ross (1-2) outduelled AL Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer (0-1) and Jedd Gyorko and Xavier Nady homered as host San Diego took two of three from Detroit. After two shaky opening starts, Ross (1-2) struck out seven and held the Tigers to one run and six hits in seven innings. He also hit an RBI single.

**Reds 12, Rays 4:** Chris Heisey hit his first grand slam and Devin Mesoraco homered and drove in career high-tying four runs as host Cincinnati took advantage of Tampa Bay's depleted pitching staff.

Tony Cingrani (1-1) got the win and Tampa Bay's Ben Zobrist homered from both sides of the plate.



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## Spieth finally shows his age in last round



Jordan Spieth reacts after his approach shot on the eighth hole Sunday. He had a two-shot lead through seven, but finished second.

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

## Rookie, 20, sputters after three stellar rounds at Augusta

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — As the errant shots began to pile up, Jordan Spieth swung his club angrily and spewed out his frustration for everyone to hear.

"Dang it, Jordan!" he muttered while strolling down a fairway at Augusta National.

Finally, after three brilliant days, the kid showed his age.

A major championship will have to wait.

"It stings right now," Spieth conceded, showing the impatience of youth.

The Texan is only 20, surely with a long career ahead of him. He was looking to become the youngest major winner since the Depression and seemed to have a green jacket in his grasp when he walked off the seventh green with a two-shot lead, having made one birdie by holing out from a bunker, another with one of those testy downhill putts that are so often the mark of a Masters champion.

But the golfer who won't be old enough to drink alcohol for another three months couldn't keep it going Sunday, playing the last 11 holes at 3-over par. Bubba Watson, his playing partner in the final group, pulled away for a three-stroke victory over Spieth and Sweden's Jonas Blixt.

"I feel like I'm ready to win," Spieth said. "Maybe I need just a little bit of course knowledge."

He was playing the Masters for the first time, and experience is certainly golden around this place.

Spieth discovered that at No. 8, where he thought he struck a perfect little wedge from right of the green — and watched in disbelief as it stopped 25 feet from the cup, leading to a three-putt bogey that changed the momentum of the day.

It was more of the same at No. 9, where Spieth's approach came up just short and rolled back off the front of the green, resulting in another bogey before he made the turn.

Watson birdied both holes, by the way. Just like that, Spieth's two-shot lead was a two-shot deficit.

"I was 3 under through the first seven," Spieth said, shaking his head as he remembered the giddiness he felt just a couple of hours earlier. "If you had told me that when I woke up this morning, I would have thought it would be difficult for me not to win this golf tournament."

Spieth trailed the rest of the way, pretty much finished off by his tee shot at No. 12 that crinkled into Rae's Creek and Watson's booming drive at the 13th that sliced around the trees, perilously

close to calamity, and came to rest 360 yards away, setting up an easy two-putt birdie while Spieth was making a par he couldn't afford.

"I'm very, very pleased with the way I played," said Spieth, who shot an even-par 72 that was his worst score of the week. "But the only thing I'm thinking about is getting back here next year. That is what's on my mind."

Watson closed with a 69 for an 8-under 280 total.

Blixt, also a Masters rookie, shot 71 for the third day in a row but couldn't sink enough putts to make a serious run.

"I just didn't get the approaches as close as I wanted," Blixt said. "I did not give myself enough opportunities to make birdies."

No Swedish man has ever won a major, and Blixt is certainly mindful of that drought.

"I'd love to be the first one," he said. "I hope that curse can end soon. I will do as much as I can and work hard as I can to end it." Spieth is eager to get back to work, too.

While he figures to have plenty of opportunities to get a major title of his own, this one felt like an opportunity squandered.

"I accomplished one of my goals this year: get in contention at a major and see how I can do," Spieth said. "Hopefully going forward, I can do that again. I've still got three more this year."

## Jimenez, Couples lead renaissance for over-50s

By RUSTIN DODD  
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AUGUSTA, Ga. — It was early Sunday afternoon, more than an hour before the Masters leaders teed off, and the white, hand-run scoreboard near the second hole began to a flash a "3".

Fred Couples, the 54-year-old former Masters champion, had just made birdie at the par-5 second hole, sparking an echoing roar audible from nearly two holes away. Couples stood at 3 under for the tournament — just 2 strokes behind co-leaders Bubba Watson and Jordan Spieth.

Couples' magic would not last through the day. He finished just for 20th after shooting a final-round 75, his worst score of the week. But with his fifth straight top-20 finish at Augusta, Couples was part of an over-50 renaissance this week at the 78th Masters.

Miguel Angel Jimenez, 50, finished in sole possession of fourth place at 4-under 284 after shooting a 71 on Sunday, and Bernhard Langer, a 56-year-old two-time Masters champ, shot a final-day 69 and finished tied for eighth at even par.

"We play here so many times," said Couples, who won his lone green jacket in 1992. "I know Bernhard just had a great week. . . . I think that he has probably played this 30 years or more. So you get to know the course, you know the wind, you know how to play it."

One day earlier, Jimenez had shot a 66, tying the record for the lowest Masters score by someone 50 or older. Ben Hogan



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Miguel Angel Jimenez holds up his visor on the 18th hole following his fourth round Sunday. He finished fourth, but on Saturday the 50-year-old shot a 66.

shot a 66 in 1967, while a 50-year-old Couples did it in 2010. It wasn't exactly new ground for Jimenez, who briefly led the British Open

last year before fading in the third round. But on Sunday, he had an opportunity to become the oldest Masters winner ever, nearly breaking the record held by a 46-

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Miguel Angel Jimenez

PGA pro on chances of a Masters champ over 50

year-old Jack Nicklaus in 1986.

While Jimenez couldn't keep up with Watson, who finished at 8 under par, he still believes a player older than 50 could conceivably win the Masters — someday.

"Why not?" said Jimenez, who warmed up on Sunday morning with his trademark cigar hanging from his lips. "Fred Couples played nice, Langer played nice, I played nice, too. To win a tournament, you need to hit the ball well, putt good and go play. If you are able and ready to play, you got a chance."

Jimenez finished strong on Sunday after dropping to just 1 under after a bogey on the 11th hole. He finished with three birdies in his last seven holes, pocketing \$432,000 for his fourth-place finish.

"[The players over 50] take care of themselves," Jimenez said. "They are being more healthy. If you don't want to be here at 50, you shouldn't be here. I love the game, I love competing, and probably that is the reason."



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## Fond fairwell

Goalie Brodeur victorious in what may be final game with Devils | **Page 24**

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# Bubba's World

## Watson captures 2nd green jacket

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bubba Watson scooped up his son, hugged his wife and took off down the ropes along the 18th green, high-fiving the patrons at Augusta National.

This was the kind of Bubba-like celebration he would've relished two years ago, but it wasn't possible that Sunday.

Watson and his wife had just adopted their little boy, so the rest of the family stayed at home. The Masters was decided not in front of the clubhouse, but down in the hollow at No. 10, where Watson won a nerve-wracking playoff by whacking a trick shot off the pine straw and around a tree. It ended suddenly, dramatically, without the proper time to commemorate the occasion.

Not a problem this time.

Watson seized the lead from Jordan Spieth with a dramatic two-hole swing before the turn. The last real uneasy moment came at the 13th, where the left-hander launched a slicing tee shot around the trees — nicking a limb or two along the way — to set up an easy two-putt birdie that essentially clinched his victory.

By the time Watson walked up 18, he could relish the cheers, really relish them, and know that a second green jacket was waiting for him at the top of the hill, along with his wife and son.

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**‘It’s overwhelming to win twice. A small-town guy named Bubba now has two green jackets — it’s pretty wild.’**

**Bubba Watson**

2014, 2012 Masters champion

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